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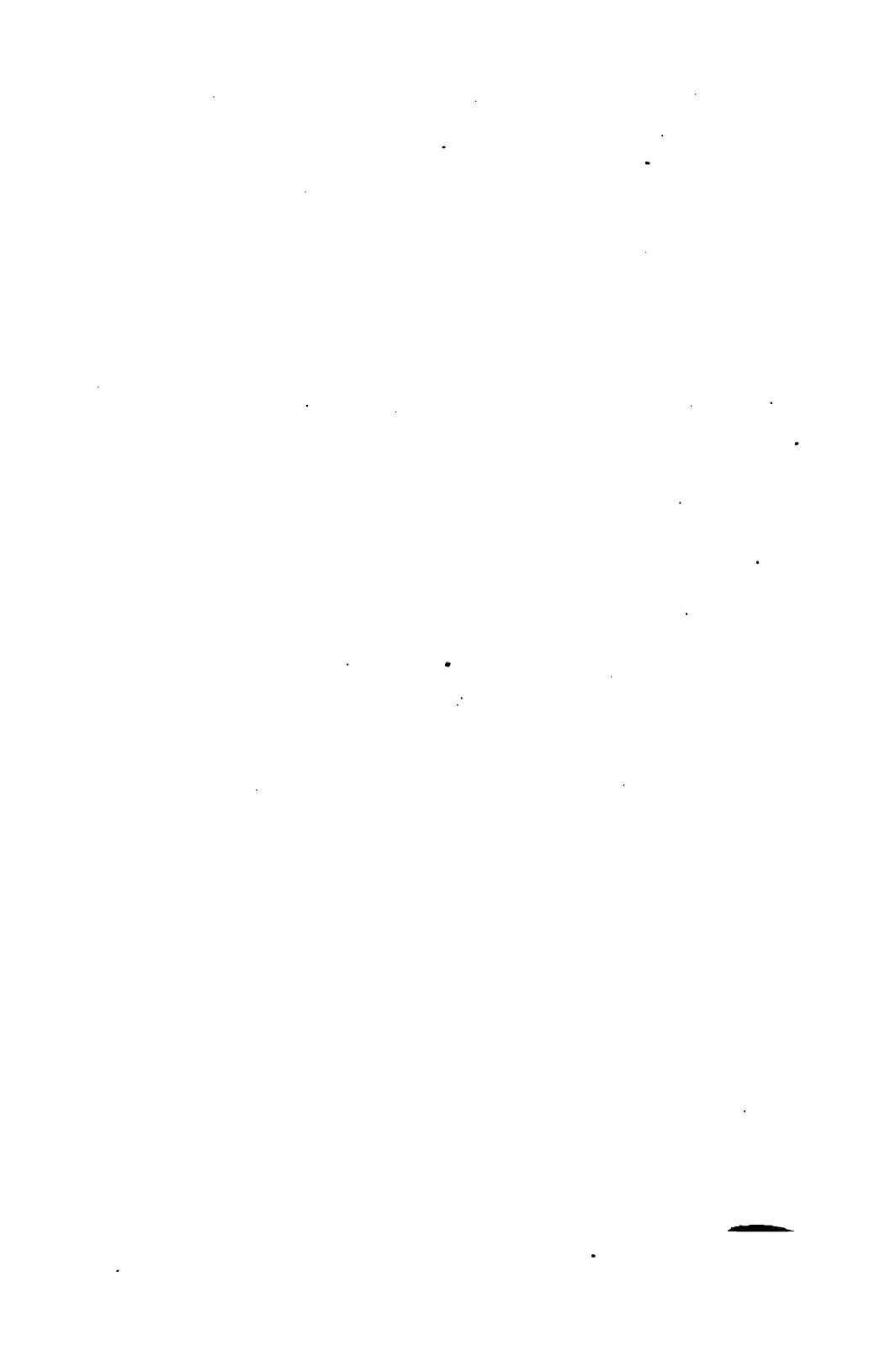
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THE  
PREFACE.

*THE proper handling of the following Subject is a Task of much greater Difficulty than I at first imagined.*

*I AM sensible of many Defects in these Sheets ; but, as I mean nothing more than to open the Eyes of the Publick on so important an Occasion, so I have only furnished the several Hints that occur'd to me ; and leave the World to improve upon them at their Leisure, and according to their different Capacities.*

*THE Chief of my Care was, that Nothing had a Place herein, but incontestable Facts ; which, the more they are*  
A 2 *enquired*



*enquired into, the clearer and brighter they will appear.*

~~IN describing of Cape Breton, I chose~~  
*to use the very Words of Pere Charlevoix, and his Authorities, lest it might be objected that I had represented Places and Things more favourably than they are in Reality. The General Reputation of that Author, for Exactness and Veracity, adds no small Weight to that Part of this Discourse; at the same time that it indemnifies me of all Mistakes or Falsehoods advanced by him. I have only extracted such Parts of his History as were most necessary to my Purpose; and even omitted many, which might have enlarged and embellished this Performance, merely for the sake of bringing the Whole into as narrow a Compass as might be.*

*I THOUGHT it, however, necessary and proper to introduce the Main Point, by some Observations, leading more easily and naturally to it. For this Reason it is, that I have begun by shewing, in general, the Title which the European Nations have to their Possessions in America: And, as that Affair turns, or depends chiefly upon the*

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*the Treaty of Utrecht, I found it necessary to make an Extract of such Articles as relate to the Purpose; and to remark upon the said Articles.*

THE Maps are taken from Bellin, Engineer to the Marine of France; though they differ greatly from all others that have been hitherto laid down. But, as his Observations are altogether taken from Charlevoix, so, wherever there is any material Difference between his Maps and our own, it arises probably from an Intention in the Jesuit, to ascertain the Rights and Limits of the French Nation, whenever those Affairs shall hereafter be debated, in Order to a Settlement of them.

IT will at first Sight appear, that the Style is neither laboured nor studied; I am rather apprehensive it may not, in many Places, be correct: But the Validity of the Facts is what I chiefly insist upon, and have endeavoured more at being clear and intelligible, than florid and diffuse, in the Representation of them.

I AM

I AM not half so ambitious of becoming an Author, as desirous, upon all Occasions, of bearing Testimony to the Truth, and being of some Use to my Country, and Friends : Yet I flatter myself, that the Publick will not be displeased to find some Things herein collected, which have not hitherto been generally known, or attended to.

If our Share of the World reaps any Benefit from this Essay, all the Ends proposed in it by me, are fully answered ; and the Faults which are found in it, may probably be the Occasion of its being handled in a better and more correct Manner by some abler Pen. This would be so far from giving me the least Uneasiness, that I should truly rejoice in my having been the happy Instrument of so much Good to a Nation, whose real Interests I have at Heart, as much as any other Person, of my Rank and Station, in it.

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THE  
Importance *and* Advantage  
OF  
CAPE BRETON, &c:

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CHAP. I.

*An Enquiry into the Title by Conquest, of the European Nations, to their Possessions or Territories in America.*

IN treating of the *Importance and Advantages* of CAPE BRETON to the Crown of England, I thought it might not be disagreeable to the Reader, first to enquire into the several *Titles by Conquest*, which each *European Nation* has to the Territories it possesses in *America* : And by searching

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CHAP. into the Titles of that Nature, it appears,  
 I. that very few of them deserve the Name  
 of *Conquests*. Most of them are founded  
*The Manner upon bare Discoveries, and landing upon*  
*in which most an unknown Coast, which was either quite*  
*of the Con- uninhabited, or peopled with Savages, who*  
*quests in upon the first Appearance of large Ships,*  
*America were and of Men of a different Complexion, in*  
*made. another kind of Dress, and armed in an*  
 unusual manner, generally fled from the  
 Shores, retired into the Mountains, and  
 endeavoured to secure their Persons. As  
 soon as their Backs were turned, the En-  
 terprizer immediately landed at this or that  
 Cape, or in one or another Bay, Creek or  
 River; there set up the Arms of his Coun-  
 try, or a Pillar with an Inscription; or  
 sometimes both: And thence he claimed  
 a Right to such or such a Part of those  
 Territories. But in many Cases, nothing  
 more was done; and several Years, per-  
 haps, passed without following the first  
 Discovery, or making any Settlement upon  
 it. Nay, it frequently happened, that  
 after a Settlement had been made, it  
 came to be deserted; either because the  
 Place first fix'd upon, was not proper for  
 it; or because some other *European* Na-

tion

tion drove the first out of it; or lastly, CHAP.  
because the Savages would no longer bear I.  
the Encroachments of such troublesome, }  
and generally cruel, Interlopers; but tak-  
ing Courage, and entering into Alliances  
amongst themselves, they came down in  
Numbers, and frequently made dreadful  
Havock amongst the New-comers; there-  
by regaining all that these Conquerors had,  
at great Expence of Men and Money, got  
Possession of. But to put this Matter in as  
clear a Light as may be, I shall here add  
a short Chronological Account of all the  
material Discoveries or Conquests (which  
are to our Purpose) made of *America* by  
the different Nations now claiming a Right  
there. This Account is taken chiefly from  
a Book printed at *Paris* in the Year 1744,  
by *Pere Charlevoix*, a Jesuit, who was a  
Missionary in *New France*, the *Louisiane*,  
and along the Banks of the *Mississippi*  
*River*.

1492.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, a *Genoese*, *America* dis-  
covered the first Land in *America*, and <sup>covered by</sup>  
took Possession of it in the Name of the *Columbus*.  
Crown of *Castile*. This Discovery con-



CHAP. sifted chiefly in the Islands *San Salvador*,

I. *Cuba*, and *St. Domingo*.

1496.

HENRY VII. King of *England*, granted a Patent to *Jahn Cabot*, or *Gabato*, a *Venetian*, and his three Sons, under certain Conditions, to go and make Discoveries in *America*. They accordingly discovered *Newfoundland*; a Part of the Continent of *Labrador*, or *Laborador*, as far as to 55 Degrees of Northern Latitude; and brought four Savages with them to *England*.

1501.

*Gulph of Honduras and Porto Bello,*

COLUMBUS discovered the Cape and Bay, or Gulph of *Honduras*, and the Harbour of *Porto-Bello*.

1509.

*Jamaica, by Esquivel.*

JOHN DE ESQUIBEL made a Settlement on the Island of *Jamaica*, by the Orders of *Don Diego Columbus* (Son and Heir of *Cbristopher Columbus*) at that Time Admiral of the *Indies*.

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1511.

DIEGO VELASQUEZ took Possession of *Cuba*, by *Ve-*  
the Island of *Cuba* in the Name of the *lasquez*.  
above-mentioned Admiral.

1523.

JOHN VERAZANI, a *Florentine*, in the *Florida*, by  
Service of *Francis I.* King of *France*, *Vera-*  
made a Voyage to *North America*; and  
the following Year discovered *Florida*.

1527.

JOHN BERMUDEZ, a *Spaniard*, discover- *Bermudas*, by  
ed an Island, to which he gave his Name, *Bermudez*.  
and which is now known by the Name of  
*Bermudas*.

1535.

JOHN CARTIER of *St. Malo*, entered *Gulph of St.*  
a great Gulph or Bay, which he named *Laurence*, by  
*St. Laurence*, it being the Saint's Day of *Cartier*.  
that Name. He sailed 180 Leagues up  
the River *St. Laurence*, to a Village of  
Savages, at the Foot of a Mountain, which  
he called *Mont-Royal*; and the whole Island  
is, at this Day, called *Montreal*.

1556.

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1556.

*Streights of Weigatz, by Barroug.*      STEPHEN BARROUG, an *Englishman*, in seeking a Passage by the North to *China*, discovered the *Streights of Weigatz*, which lye between *Nova Zembla*, and the Country of the *Samoides*.

1576.

*Forbissher's Streights, by Forbissher.*      SIR *Martin Forbissher* discovered the *Streights* which lye between *Greenland*, and a large Island to the South of it. They are called *Forbissher's Streights*.

1578.

*West-Frieze-land by the same.*      THE same Person discovered the Land of *West-Frieze-land*, and took Possession of it in the Name of *Elizabeth*, Queen of *England*.

1579.

*New Albion, by Drake.*      FRANCIS DRAKE, an *Englishman*, discovered, to the North of *California*, a Land, to which he gave the Name of *New Albion*.

1583.

*Newfoundland, by Humphrey.*      SIR *Gilbert Humphrey* went, at the Instigation of Secretary *Walsingham* to *New-*

*Newfoundland*, and took Possession of it, CHAP. I.  
in the Name of *Queen Elizabeth*. He established there a Cod-Fishery. It is probable that he also discovered Part of *Acadia*; having, as it is said, lost three of his Ships on the Island of *Sable*.

1584, 1585.

ARTHUR BARLOW was sent by Sir *Virginia*, by *Walter Raleigh* to make Discoveries; and *Barlow*.  
landed at the Island *Roënoko*. At his Return he gave so favourable an Account of that Country, that *Queen Elizabeth* named it *Virginia*, in Honour of her Virginity.

1587.

JOHN DAVIS, or *Davids*, discovered *Davis's*  
the *Streights* known at this Day, by his *Streights*, by  
Name. They lye between *Greenland* and *Davis*.  
*Cumberland Island*, and are called *Davis's*  
*Streights*.

1693.

SIR *Richard Hawkins* sailed round the *Discoveries*,  
World, and discovered, to the South-west by *Hawkins*.  
of the *Streights* of *Magellan*, a large  
Tract of Land, which extended on one  
Side beyond the *Streights de la Maire*;  
and

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CHAP. and on the other, as far as over-against  
I.      the *Cape of Good Hope*.

1598.

*Isle of Sable and Acadia, by la Roche.*      THE Marquis *de la Roche* procured a Patent from *Henry IV. of France*, for continuing the Discoveries formerly made by *James Cartier*; and discovered the *Isle of Sable*, and Part of the Coasts of *Acadia*, now *Nova Scotia*.

1604.

*Canada, by several.*      PETER DE GUAST, Monsieur *des Monts*, and *Samuel de Champlain, Frenchmen*, completed the Discovery of *Acadia*, and Part of the South Coast of *Canada*.

1607.

*Chesapeak-Bay, by Smith.*      JOHN SMITH discovered *Chesapeak Bay*, and the *Powhatan River* which falls into it. He built upon the River a Fort, which is become a City, and the Capital of *Virginia*, by the Name of *James-town*, in Honour of *James I. King of England*.

1609.

*New York, by Hudson.*      HENRY HUDSON, after sailing along the Coasts of *Virginia* and *New England*, discovered, in about 40 Degrees of North Latitude,

Latitude, a great Bay, into which a large C H A P. I.  
 River empties itself, which he called *Man-*  
*batte*, from the Name of the Savages he  
 found there. This Captain was at that  
 Time in the Service of the *Dutch*, who  
 were for some Time in Possession of that  
 Country : For by them was built the Town  
 of *Manbatte*, and the Fort of *Orange* on  
 the same River. This Country now bears  
 the Name of *New York*.

THE same *Hudson*, and *William Baffins*, *Hudson's*  
 pushed very far towards the North-West ; *Bay, by*  
 where they discovered, the following Year, *Hudson.*  
 those Countries yet known by their Names ; *Baffins's Bay,*  
 as *Hudson's Bay*, and *Baffins's Bay.* *by Baffins.*

1611.

THOMAS BUTTON discovered to the *New Wales*  
 North of *Canada* a large Country, which *and Button's]*  
 he called *New Wales*. He afterwards fail- *Bay, by But-*  
 ed all over the Bay, which bears his *ton.*  
 Name.

1612.

JAMES HALL discovered the *Streights Cockin's*  
 of *Cockin* to the North of *Canada*, and in *Streights,*  
 65 Degrees of North Latitude. *by Hall.*

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1631.

## I.

*New South-  
Wales, &c.  
by James.*

CAPTAIN *James* discovered several Lands to the North of *Hudson's Bay*. He called all the Lands at the Entrance of the Bay by the Name of *New South Wales*. He touched afterwards at *Cape Henrietta Maria*, *Lord Weston's Island*, *Earl of Bristol's Island*, *Sir Thomas Roe's Island*, *Earl of Danby's Island*, and the *Charleton Island*; which last, is in 52 Degrees, North Latitude.

1633.

*Maryland.*

CECIL CALVERT, Lord *Baltimore*, having obtained from King *Charles I.* of *England*, the Property of a large Extent of Country, lying to the North of *Chesapeake-Bay*, between *Virginia* and *Carolina*, sent thither his Son, who this Year began a Settlement there; which, in Honour of *Mary of France*, Queen of *England*, was called *Maryland*.

1656.

*Hudson's  
Bay, by  
Bourdon.*

BOURDON, an Inhabitant of *New France* (being sent by the Governor of the North) entered *Hudson's Bay*, and took Possession of it, in the Name of the King of *France*.

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1660,

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I.

CHARLES II. King of *England*, granted to *George Monk*, Duke of *Albemarle*, and to five other *English* Lords, that Part of *Florida* which extends from *Virginia*, to that which is now called *New Georgia*. They divided amongst them all that Country, and called it *Carolina*.

*Carolina.*

1667.

ZACHARIAH GHILLAM, an *English* man, having gone through *Baffins's Bay* to the height of 75 Degrees, came back again, and sailed to the Bottom of *Hudson's Bay*, entered a River, which comes from *Canada*, and discharges its self into the Bay : He called it *Rupert's River*. A few Years before, some *English* had gone up this River, as far as the Lake *Nemiscau*.

*Rupert's River, by Ghillam.*

1671.

CHARLES ALBANEL, a *French* Jesuit, and Monsieur *Denis de St. Simon*, a Gentleman of *Canada*, were sent by the Governor-General of *New France* to penetrate into *Hudson's Bay* by a Way which had not yet been discovered : And they

*Hudson's Bay, by Albanel, &c.*



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**C H A P.** took Possession of it, in the Name of the  
**I.** *French King.*

1680.

*Barbadoes,*  
*by Sharp.*      **CAPTAIN Sharp,** after sailing a great while in these Seas, discovered an Island, to which he gave the Name of *Barbadoes*.

1681.

*Pensilvania.*      The foregoing Year *Charles II.* King of *England*, granted a Tract of Country to *Sir William Penn*; who, in this Year, carried a Number of Quakers thither, and made a Settlement; which was called *Pensilvania*, in Honour of its Founder.

1732.

*NewGeorgia.*      **GENERAL Oglethorpe** made a Settlement in the Name of his present Majesty *George II.* King of *England*, between *Carolina* and *Spanish Florida*. This New Colony is bounded on the North, by the *Savanah* River, and on the South, by the River called *Alatamaha*. It's length, along the Coast, is not esteemed more than 60 or 70 *English* Miles; but it grows larger, as it extends itself from the Sea. It is now called *New Georgia*.

To

To the above Chronological Account, I shall add the Copy of a Memorial presented by *Jeremiah Dummer*, Esq; to the Ministry of *England* in 1709. as the same has fallen into my Hands, without vouching for any of its Articles; viz.

*A Memorial, shewing that the French Possessions on the River of Canada, do originally and of Right belong to the Crown of Great Britain; and for other Important Reasons ought to be restored to the Crown, on a Treaty of Peace.*

THE whole Tract of Land (situate on the nether Side of the River of Canada) called Nova Scotia and Acadia, was first discovered by Cabot and his Sons, in the Reign of Henry VII. King of England. Which Discovery was prior to that of Verazani, a Florentine, under Francis I. King of France; and accordingly was under the Power and Jurisdiction of the Crown of England, till the Year 1600. When some of the French, invited by the Traffick on the River of St. Laurence, seized first on the

Mr. Dummer's Memorial in 1709.

CHAP. *the North-side of the River, called Canada \*,*  
 I. *or Nova Scotia ; and afterwards, in 1606,*  
 { *did possess themselves of the South-side, called*  
*Acadia.*

*IN the Year 1621. King James looking*  
*upon their Possessions as an Invasion of his*

\* THE *French Maps*, lately published by the *Sieur Bellin*, Engineer and Geographer of the Marine to the King of *France*, made *Canada* to commence from near the Source of the *Mississippi River* ; and extends it's self to that Part of the River of *St. Laurence*, which is at the Back of *New Scotland* ; placing *New France* to the Northward of *Canada*. Those of *Herman Moll* make *Canada* to begin at the great Fall of *St. Maria*, out of the *Upper Lake*, into the *Lake Huron* ; and terminate at the River of *St. Laurence*, as far above *Quebec*, as *Trois Rivières* : And place *New France* as far to the Southward of *Canada*, as *Bellin* does to the Northward of it.

THE *French Maps* likewise call that *Isthmus*, or *Peninsula*, whereon stands *Annapolis-Royal*, by the Name of *Acadie* : Whereas *Moll*, and other Geographers, give that Name to the Land which lyes North of *Fundy Bay*.

FROM these two so widely differing Accounts of the Matter, it is hard to settle the just Limits either of our Pretensions or Possessions. It may probably suit the Purposes of *France*, to make the Difference wider than it really is, that they may make the better Terms, when a Peace shall be brought upon the Tapis.

*Ter-*

*Territories, did by Letters Patent grant unto Sir William Alexander (afterwards Earl of Sterling) L'Acadie, by the Name of Nova Scotia : Who in 1622. and 1623. subdued the French Inhabitants, carried them Prisoners to Virginia, planted a Colony there himself, and held Possession of it for two Years ; when, upon the Marriage of King Charles I. with the Lady Henrietta Maria, the said Nova Scotia was, by order of the King, returned into the Hands of the French.*

*AFTERWARDS, a War arising between the Kings of England and France, \* Sir David Kirk, with his Friends did in 1627. and 1628. (by virtue of a Commission obtained from his Majesty) send to Sea at their own Charge, nine Ships fitted with warlike Stores, to expel the French from both Sides of the River Canada †. In which Enter-*

\* CHARLEVOIX calls him *David Kerk* ; says he was a Native and Refugee of *Dieppe*, but a *Calvinist*. And in another Place he says, that *Kerk* was put upon this Expedition by one *James Michel*, a furious *Calvinist*, who gave him Intelligence of the Weakness of the Garrison of *Quebec*.

† BY the River of *Canada*, he must mean the River *St. Laurence*,

*prize,*

CHAP. prize, they had such Success, that (after  
 I bringing off the French Inhabitants and  
 Traders into England) they took Possession of  
 all Nova Scotia, Canada, and l'Acadie :  
 The former of which fell to Sir David Kirk,  
 who was Governor of Quebec, and set up  
 the King of England's Arms in all Places of  
 publick Resort in the City. The latter fell  
 to Sir William Alexander.

IN 1632. a Peace being concluded between  
 the two Crowns, it was agreed that the  
 Forts on the said French Settlements, should  
 be delivered to the Subjects of France : The  
 French King on his Part stipulating to pay  
 in Lieu thereof to Sir David Kirk \* Five  
 Thousand Pounds, Sterling ; which Sum does  
 nevertheless remain unpaid to this Day,

\* THE Treaty here referred to, is that made be-  
 tween Charles I. King of England, and Lewis XIII.  
 King of France, March 29, 1632. I have ex-  
 amined it, and find that all the Places possessed by  
 the British Subjects in New France, Acadia, and  
 Canada, together with Port-Royal, Quebec, and  
 Cape Breton, were to be restored to the French  
 King. But I no where find in the Treaty, any  
 mention of the French King's stipulating to pay a  
 Sum to Sir David Kirk, by way of Indemnifi-  
 cation.

*although*

although the Forts were delivered up according to Agreement. CHAP. I.

IN 1633. King Charles, considering he had only surrendered the Forts, but had not debarred his Subjects from planting and trading there, did grant a Commission to Sir Lewis Kirk, and Company, to trade and settle there; which accordingly they did attempt, but were plundered and made Prisoners by the French.

IN 1654. Cromwell weighing the Premises, and in Consideration that the Articles were not performed on the French King's Part, sent one Ledgewick, who assaulted and subdued the French on that Settlement, and restored the Country into the Hands of the English\*. And although a Peace was

\* In the Treaty concluded at Westminster, November 3, 1655. between Lewis XIV. King of France, and Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector, Article XXV. are the following Words, viz. "And whereas three Forts, viz. Pentagoet, St. John, and Port-Royal, lately taken in America, would be reclaimed by the above-mentioned Lord, Ambassador of his said Majesty; and the Lords Commissioners of his Highness would argue from certain Reasons, that they ought to be detained; it is agreed, that such Controversy be referred to the Arbitration of the Republick of Hamburg."

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settled

CHAP. settled between the two Nations in 1655.  
 I. and the French Ambassadors made pressing  
 Instances for the Restitution of that Country,  
 yet it was not delivered up, but remained  
 under the Jurisdiction of England. Yet  
 after the Restoration (it is not easy to say  
 how, or upon what Account) the French  
 were permitted to re-enter, and do yet hold  
 the unjust Possession of it.

FROM the Premises it is manifest that the  
 French Territories on that Part of the Con-  
 tinent of America, do originally and of  
 Right belong to the Crown of Great Britain;  
 which is however, submitted to better Judge-  
 ments.

IN the mean time, it is humbly remon-  
 strated, that the French by their unwearied  
 Industry, and many artful Methods, gain  
 ground continually, by making new Alliances  
 with the Indian Nations on the back of  
 New England, New York, and Virginia;  
 so that, in a little time, they will grow for-  
 midable to the English Settlements.

THAT by the intermarrying with the Na-  
 tives, they have always a great Number of  
 Jesuits

*Jesuits and Priests with them; and by instructing them that the Saviour of the World was a Frenchman, and murdered by the English, they are excited to commit all manner of Cruelties upon the English, as meritorious: And particularly, about two Months since, the French and Savages made a Descent upon a considerable Town of the Province of the Massachusetts, and there barbarously killed an Officer of the Militia, and a Minister of the Town, with many others of less Note; notwithstanding the Precautions which his Excellency Colonel Dudley took to prevent it.*

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I.

*THAT by means bereof, the best Part of New England (the Eastern Country) is entirely abandoned, and left desolate.*

*THAT the Mast Trade is endangered; many Persons having been surprized and murdered whilst cutting Masts for the supply of the Crown. The whole Trade of New England, out and home, is very much awed and damp'd, especially by l'Acadie; the Capital of that Place (Port Royal) being a Nest of Privateers, and a Dunkirk to New England.*

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LASTLY;



## CHAP.

## I.

LASTLY; *That this Country is very proper and apt to yield all Naval Stores; and has the best of Fishing in the World, on it's Coasts; so that, the French King may resign up all Newfoundland, and we not obtain our End, whilst l'Acadie is left their's, which will supply France and the Streights with Fish notwithstanding.*

UPON the whole, it is humbly moved that this Country may be demanded at the next Treaty of Peace; at least, the South-side of the River: Which, being New Scotland, and adjoining to New England, may be united to it by the Name of New Britain, after the great Example of England and Scotland; that so the Union may in all its Parts be compleat and entire, in her present Majesty's most happy and glorious Reign.

(Signed)


JEREMIAH DUMMER.

FROM hence let every Reader judge, and determine for himself, to whom of Right the Possessions in America originally belong. The Spaniards, it must be confessed,

confessed, made the Conquest of *Mexico* CHAP.  
and *Peru*; and were guilty of such Exces- I.  
ses of Cruelty and Barbarity, as out-did

any thing ever heard of, or met with, even amongst the Savages they conquered. But, Profit and Ambition apart, what Right had any *European* Nation to disturb that People in the quiet and peaceable Possession of their Country; which, in all probability, they were the Rightful Owners of, long before any of these mighty Conquerors had a Name? Had those Nations been in a Situation, by their Numbers or their Strength, to have poured in upon any of the *Europeans*: And particularly, had they treated us when they had us in their Power, with the same Inhumanity wherewith we treated them; how should we have branded such an Undertaking with all the harsh Terms of Injustice, Cruelty, and Tyranny? We should naturally have thought that the Hand of Heaven was heavy upon us; and that nothing less than enormous Crimes could have deserved such Punishments. We should certainly have endeavoured, as soon as possible, to have freed ourselves from a Band of Thieves, who had thus come from

CHAP. from afar to disturb our Quiet. We

I.  should have justified any the most artful and wicked Schemes, which could have brought this about ; and have thought that we had the most undoubted Right to recover, by any means, that Liberty, and those Properties, which we had lost by the unjust Incurfions of these Foreigners ; And, if ever we had the good Fortune to over-power them, New Cruelties would have been invented to torture as many as remained in our Hands ; partly, to satiate the Revenge of such as had suffered by them ; and partly, to deter others from making a second Attempt of the like Nature. Let the most civilized Nation at this Day in *Europe* fairly ask itself the Question, whether this would not have been the Case ; and, I am confident, the Answer must be in the Affirmative.

FROM the best Accounts we have of the first Discoveries of *America*, we learn, that the Discoverers met with no Resistance nor ill Treatment from the Inhabitants of that part of the World. Single Ships have gone, and a handful of Men have landed upon Islands and Continents crowded

crowded with People, without receiving CHAP.  
any Marks of their Repentment, ill Usage, I.

or Barbarity. They were at first surprized: But as soon as they were recovered out of their first Alarm, they (on many Occasions) became extremely tractable and humane: Much more so, in all probability, than we should have been, on the like occasion. But we were not content to have discovered a Country, with which we might trade for many valuable and useful Commodities which we wanted, and which they were inclined to exchange with us against Trifles and Baubles: No; We must by Force or Art subdue the Original Possessors of that Country. To this end, large Fleets and Armaments were from time to time sent out; and having gotten a small footing, we could not rest till we had enlarged it; and thus at length *Power* became *Right*. Having, by all Human, and Inhuman Inventions, made One Conquest; we proceeded to a Second: And having subdued a Part of the People; we cajoled or frightened them, by Arts or Threats into Alliances with us. We then furnished them with Fire Arms against their fellow Natives

CHAP. tives; and, what is worfe, introduced a-  
 I. mongst them thofe intoxicating Spirits,  
 which produced fo much Fury and Cru-  
 elty amongst them; and are at this Day  
 the Cause of fo much Irregularity amongst  
 Ourfelves. Nay, *Religion* itfelf was made  
 ufe of as an Inftrument put into their  
 hands to deftroy each other; and to car-  
 ry into Execution, the moft wicked and  
 abominable Schemes and Practices. It ap-  
 pears, very evidently from the Accounts,  
 which the Jefuits themfelves give of their  
 Miffions, that, though feveral of them  
 fuffered great Hardfhips, and even Death  
 itfelf in the moft terrible and cruel man-  
 ner at their firft fettling amongst the Sava-  
 ges; yet *temporal Advantages* were the  
 chief inducements to that Undertaking;  
 and the Ties of Religion made ufe of,  
 only becaufe none other were ftrong enough  
 to hold them\*.

IN

\* CHARLEVOIX Vol. IV. p. 152. has the follow-  
 ing remarkable Passage, viz. “ The Governour adds  
 “ at the end of his Letter, that the Englifh neglect  
 “ nothing to gain the Abenakis Nation to their In-  
 “ terefts. They make them Presents, and offer them  
 “ Goods at a cheap rate, as well as Minifters to in-  
 “ ftruce

IN turning over the Accounts given of CHAP. I.  
the Conquests made in this part of the World, we frequently meet with noble Struggles made by the People we call *Savages*; and brave Efforts, to recover their ancient and primitive Liberties. These Liberties consisted in their being governed by their own Rulers, and the Laws enacted by them; In a right to make War against any neighbouring Nation, which had affronted, or used them ill; in the Power of changing their Habitations, as Occasion required; and of Hunting for their Winter Provision and Cloathing, wherever they thought proper. These Excursions and Removals seldom failed of creating Wars amongst them: And, if upon any of those Occasions, two different Nations not allied, met; the Conflict was generally desperate; and the Vanquished were treated inhumanly and barbarously. The Consequences of such a

*“ struck them: But the Baron de St. Castin, and the Missionaries do Wonders to persuade them from it. Father de la Chasse informs him that the Grace of God often stands in need of the Assistance and Cooperation of Men; and that Temporal Interests are frequently of Great Help to Faith.”*

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Victory

CHAP. Victory were great Triumph on the side  
 I. of the Conquerors, and sworn Revenge  
 on that of the Conquered. Hence Wars  
 were almost constantly kept on foot amongst themselves: Until, as one side got the better, and the other became too weak to withstand its Enemy, this was either quite extirpated, or obliged to look out for a more distant and safer Settlement. This was no difficult matter amongst that People, who had little to remove, but what they carried on their backs. Their whole Furniture or Baggage consisted in a few Skins, a Bow and Arrows, a kind of Hatchet, and their Wives and Children. They made Boats of the Bark of Trees, fown together with roots, and bedaubed with Gums. These they carried over the lands on their Shoulders; And when they came to Lakes or Rivers, they launched them, and embarked their whole Tribe.

THUS much for their Wars amongst themselves. But we have likewise seen them disputing their Liberties with the *Europeans*: Offering to trade with them upon a fair footing; desiring to keep a good Correspondence with them; disclaiming and renouncing all Enmity; but  
 protesting

protesting against the Right which was CHAP.  
 pretended to a Sovereignty over them, I,  
 their Lands, Possessions, Laws or Liber-  
 ties. Nay we have seen them, from this  
 single Principle, engaged in long, bloody,  
 and repeated Conflicts with the *Europe-  
 ans* : And often maintain themselves by  
 Force and Perseverance, against all the  
 Strength and Stratagem their Enemies  
 could at that time oppose to them. Bra-  
 very they are allowed to have, in the  
 highest Degree ; and, on many Occasions,  
 are not wanting in Conduct and Contri-  
 vance. But the Arts and Management of  
 the *Europeans*, have put their Politicks  
 upon quite another Footing at this Day.  
 That Original Simplicity and Disinterest-  
 edness is now no more to be met with ;  
 but Cunning and Deceit have taken its  
 place. Violence, Cruelty, Drunkenness,  
 and all kinds of Debauchery have been  
 cultivated and improved amongst them, to  
 an incredible and excessive Degree. The  
 Popish Powers have made many of them  
*Nominal Christians*, as it is easy to change  
 one kind of Idolatry for another ; and  
 by their Lies, Legends, and Legerdemain,  
 have bound them to their Interests. The  
 Protestant Powers, *too regardless of all*  
 E 2 *Religion,*



CHAP. *Religion*, take very little Care or Pains  
 I. about instructing these ignorant poor Creatures, but only endeavour to procure their Friendship, by trading with them at a lower rate for *European* Goods, than the *French* can afford to do ; and giving a higher Price for their Commodities. This, together with the furnishing them with Fire Arms, Powder and Ammunition, Tobacco, and Brandy, is the only Method I know of which the *English* employ to keep the Savages their Friends. Whereas the *French*, by having a constant and infinite Number of Jesuits, Seminaries, Nunneries and Convents amongst them, can and do, upon every Occasion, excite the Savages to join with *them*, in annoying *Us*.

BUT though the above Account may possibly be entertaining enough to some Readers, yet it has led me a good deal wide of my Purpose ; which is to shew in the next Place, what are the Rights of each Power, to what they claim in *America*, as founded upon Treaties. And herein, I shall on this Occasion, consider only such Treaties as are between *England* and *France*.

CHAP.

CH A P. II.

*An Extract of such Articles of the Treaty of Utrecht, as respect the English Nation; particularly in regard to America: With Remarks upon each Article herein cited.*

UNDER the Article of Treaties, I CH A P.  
II.  
imagined I should have Occasion to mention more than one: But having by way of Notes on Mr. *Dummer's* Memorial, made such Remarks as were necessary on those of 1632. and 1655. I shall here confine myself to those parts of the *Treaty of Utrecht*, which relate to our Affairs with *France*. To which purpose, I shall transcribe all those Articles, or the Substance of them, which in any Shape respect *England*: and close this Chapter with some Remarks on each Article.

A R T,

## C H A P.

## II.

## A R T. IV.

*Extract of  
the Treaty of  
Utrecht.*

THE King of *France* hereby solemnly and sincerely acknowledges the Limitation of the Succession of the Crown of *Great Britain* (as settled by the Laws made in the Reigns of *King William* and *Queen Mary*,) to the Issue of *Queen Anne*; and in default thereof, to the *Princess Sophia*, and her Heirs in the *Protestant Line of Hanover*. He, on the *Faith* and *Word* of a King, and on the Pledge of his *Own* and *Successor's Honour*, accepts and approves the same *for Ever*: And that no Person, than according to the said Limitation, shall ever by *Him*, his *Heirs*, or *Successors* be acknowledged or reputed to be King or Queen of *Great Britain*,

*The French  
King admits  
the Protestant  
Succession.*

## A R T. V.

THE said King, in the same *solemn* Manner engages, that neither *He* nor his *Heirs* or *Successors* ever will at any time hereafter disturb the *Queen*, her *Heirs* or *Successors*, descended from the afore-said *Protestant Line*, who possess the Crown  
of

of *Great Britain*. Nor will the said King C H A P.  
 &c. give at any time any Succour, Aid, II.  
 Favour or Counsel directly or indirectly, Disavows the  
 by Land or by Sea, in Money, Arms, Pretender,  
 Ammunition, Warlike Provisions, Ships, &c.  
 Soldiers, Seamen, or any other way, to  
 any Person or Persons, whosoever they  
 be, who for any Cause, or under any  
 Pretext whatsoever, should hereafter op-  
 pose the said Succession, either by *Open*  
*War*, or by *fomenting Seditions*, or *form-*  
*ing Conspiracies* against such Prince or  
 Princes who are in Possession of the  
 Throne of *Great Britain*, by virtue of  
 the Acts of Parliament abovementioned.

## A R T. VI.

CONTAINS Letters Patent by the King *The King of*  
 of *France*, for admitting the Renuncia- *Spain's Re-*  
 tion of the King of *Spain* to the Crown *nunciation of*  
 of *France*: And those of Monsieur the *the Crown of*  
 Duke of *Berry*, and Monsieur the Duke  
 of *Orleans* to the Crown of *Spain*. As  
 likewise the King of *Spain's* Renunci-  
 ation; and those of the Dukes of *Berry*  
 and *Orleans*.

A R T.

CHAP. *jects*; likewise all *Nova Scotia* or *Acadia* with its ancient Boundaries, as also the City of *Port-Royal*, now called *Annapolis Royal*; and all other things in those Parts which depend on the said Lands and Islands; with Dominion, Property and Possession of the said Islands, Lands and Places; and that the Subjects of the King of *France* shall be excluded from all kinds of *Fishing* in the said Seas, Bays, and other Places on the Coast of *Nova Scotia*, which lie towards the East, within thirty Leagues from the Island called *Sable* inclusively, and thence stretching along towards the South-west.

## A R T. XIII.

*Settles the  
Affairs of  
Newfound-  
land.*

THE Island of \* *Newfoundland*, with the *Adjacent Islands* shall from this time forward

\* CHARLEVOIX Vol. IV. p. 152. says, "As to *Newfoundland*, the English gained more by the Cession of what we possessed there, than we lost: For besides, that Amends was amply made to us for *Placentia*, by getting *Cape Breton* (since the Inhabitants of the former, were all transported to *Lewisbourg*) the People soon found themselves more agreeably and advantageously situated at *Cape Breton*"

forward belong of *Right wholly* to Bri- CHAP.  
tain : And to that End, the Town II.  
and Fortrefs of *Placentia*, and whatever  
other Places in the Island are in posses-  
sion of the *French*, shall be yielded and  
given up to the *English* within a time  
therein limited. Moreover, it shall not  
be lawful for the Subjects of *France* to  
fortify any Place in the said Island of  
*Newfoundland*; or to erect any *Buildings*  
there, besides Stages made of Boards, and  
Huts, necessary and usual for drying *Fish*.  
Or to *resort* to the Island beyond the time  
necessary for fishing and drying of *Fish*.  
But it shall be allowed to the Subjects of  
*France* to *catch Fish*, and *dry them* on  
Land, in that *part only*, and in *No other*  
but that, of the Island, which stretches  
from the Place called *Cape Bonavista*, to  
the Northern Point of the said Island,  
and from thence running down to the  
Western Side, reaches as far as the Place  
called the *Pointe Riche*. But the Island

“ ton than they ever had been at Newfoundland.  
“ *Whereas* the English saw indeed themselves absolute  
“ *Masters of this Island*; but where they could  
“ not assure themselves of any thing, so long as  
“ they had us for their Neighbours.”

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CHAP. of *Cape Breton*, as also all others, both in

II. the Mouth of the River of *St. Laurence*,  
*Claims Cape Breton, &c.* and in the *Gulph* of the same Name, shall hereafter belong of Right to the *French King*; who shall have Liberty to fortify any Place or Places there.

### A R T. XV.

*Settles the  
Subjects of  
each Crown.*

PROVIDES, that the Subjects of *France* inhabiting *Canada*, shall not in any shape disturb the five *Indian Nations*, or *Cantons*, which are subject to the Dominion of *Great Britain*; nor the other Natives of *America*, who are Friends to the same; Nor the *British Subjects* disturb the *Americans*, who are Subjects or Friends to *France*. But it is to be exactly and distinctly settled by Commissaries, who are, and who ought to be accounted, the Subjects and Friends to *England*, or to *France*.

This Treaty was con- } *March 31,*  
 cluded at *Utrecht*, } *April 11,* 1713.

HAVING thus gone through the most material Articles of the *famous Treaty of Utrecht*; I shall mention One Particular  
 more,

more, which certainly is an amazing One. C H A P. II.  
 The Peace being thus settled between }  
*Great Britain and France*, there remained  
 still a Negotiation to be carried on with  
*Spain*: In the Progress of which, Our  
 Plenipotentiaries suffered a Clause to be in-  
 serted at the End of the 15th Article, the  
 Words of which are as follows : *Whereas A Clause in*  
*it is inserted on the Part of Spain, that favour of the*  
*certain Rights of Fishing at the Island of* <sup>*Spaniards,*</sup>  
*Newfoundland, belong to the Guipulcoans, the Treaty* <sup>*inserted in*</sup>  
*or other Subjects of the Catholick King ;* <sup>*of Utrecht.*</sup>  
*Her Britannick Majesty consents and agrees,*  
*that all such Privileges as the Guipulcoans;*  
*and other People of Spain are able to make*  
*Claim to by Right, shall be allowed and pre-*  
*served to them.*

WE have said, that the *English* Pleni-<sup>*Observations*</sup>  
 potentiaries suffered this Clause and Claim <sup>*on the said*</sup>  
 of the *Spaniards* to be inserted, although <sup>*Clause.*</sup>  
 it was in direct Contradiction of a Treaty  
 between the Crowns of *England and*  
*Spain*, concluded *July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1670.* The  
 7th and 8th Articles of which expressly  
 declare ; “ *That the most Serene King of*  
 “ *Great Britain, his Heirs and Successors,*  
 “ *shall have, hold, keep, and enjoy for ever,*  
 with



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C H A P. " with Plenary Right of Sovereignty, Do-  
 II. " minion, Possession and Property, all those  
 " Lands, Regions, Islands, Colonies, and  
 " Places whatsoever, being or situated in  
 " the West Indies, or in any Part of  
 " America, which the said King of Great  
 " Britain and his Subjects do at present  
 " hold and possess.

" And the Subjects, &c. of each Con-  
 " federate respectively, shall abstain and  
 " forbear to Sail and Trade in the Ports  
 " and Havens which have Fortifications,  
 " Castles, Magazines, or Ware-houses, and  
 " in all other Places whatsoever, possessed by  
 " the other Party in the West Indies."

Order to the  
 Board of  
 Trade to en-  
 quire into the  
 said Claim.

Not long after the signing of the Peace,  
 the Board of Trade was consulted upon  
 this Claim of the Spaniards; and returned  
 the following Answer, dated June 13,  
 1713.

" In Obedience to Her Majesty's Com-  
 " mands of the 1st Instant, we have con-  
 " sidered the Extract of a Memorial from  
 " the Marquis De Monteleon, relating  
 " to the Claim of the Inhabitants of the  
 " Province

“ Province of Guipuscoa, to fish on the CHAP.  
 “ Coast of Newfoundland; and thereupon II.  
 “ take leave to inform your Lordship\* \* Lord  
 “ that we have discoursed with such Per- Dartmouth.  
 “ sons as are able to give us Information in  
 “ that Matter: And we find that some Answer of  
 “ Spaniards have come thither with Passes <sup>the Board.</sup>  
 “ from Her Majesty: And others may  
 “ have fished there privately; but never  
 “ any, that we can learn, did do it as of  
 “ Right belonging to them.”

To bring this Matter nearer to our  
 own Times, and to shew that the Mini-  
 sters or Plenipotentiaries could not be ig-  
 norant of the Exclusion of the French, as  
 well as Spaniards from any Right of fish-  
 ing at Newfoundland; by an Act passed *An Act, de-*  
 in the 10th and 11th Years of the Reign *barring Fo-*  
 of King William, to encourage the Trade *reigners from*  
 to Newfoundland, it is enacted, “ That no *Fishing at*  
 “ Alien or Stranger whatsoever, not re- *Newfound-*  
 “ siding within the Kingdom of England, *land.*  
 “ Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick  
 “ upon Tweed, shall at any Time hereafter  
 “ take, bait, or use any sort of Trade,  
 “ or Fishing whatsoever in Newfoundland,  
 “ or in any of the adjacent Islands.” And  
in

CHAP. in pursuance of this Act it is, that Instructions were given every Year to the Commodore of the Convoys, to prevent Foreigners from coming thither.

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*Remarks on  
the 4th and  
5th Article  
of the Treaty  
of Utrecht.*

As to the IVth Article of the foregoing Treaty, it is to be observed, that the Queen was not acknowledged by *France*, nor designed to be so, till the Conclusion of a Peace; as *France* afterwards explained that Matter at the General Congress.

How far the *solemn and sincere Engagements* of such a King; His *Faith and Word*; or the *pledging his Own or his Successor's Honour* are to be depended on, the present Posture of Affairs sufficiently evinces; when not able, or not daring openly to invade us with his Troops, he makes use of that *Instrument* he so *solemnly disavows*, to annoy and disturb us; assisting him with Men, Money, Arms, Ammunition, and even Shipping, to land in His Majesty's Dominions, and raise a Rebellion amongst his Subjects. All which the Vth Article does *expresly*, and in the strongest Manner provide against.

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CHAP.  
II.

THE IXth Article, by which the King of France engages to *destroy the Fortifications of Dunkirk, &c.* was not only never complied with, but instead thereof, an additional Fortress built in the Neighbourhood of the former, which, as I am informed, is much stronger and better contrived to annoy the *British Channel-Trade*; should the Nation ever think proper to insist upon a Compliance with this Article. This is most shameful Prevarication: But why it was not insisted on, soon after the Time fixed by the Treaty, cannot be collected from any thing better than from an Extract of a Memorial delivered by Monsieur de Tercey to the Lord Bolingbroke at Paris, in August 1712. wherein he says, "*It is not our Business now to examine whether the Queen of England, and the English Nation, were in the Right to demand the Demolition of the Fortifications, and the filling up the Harbour of Dunkirk: That is a Thing resolved and agreed upon. It may perhaps come to pass in the Course of this Affair, for Reasons easily to be foreseen, that England shall repent having demanded, the*

*Remark on the 9th Article.*

CHAP. "Demolition of a Place, and the Destruction of a Harbour, which might be of great Use in Conjectures, which perhaps are not very remote."

FROM hence it will easily and naturally occur to any Person, who considers the Circumstances of those Times, and the Dispositions of the Persons then at the Helm of the State, why the Time fixed was suffered to elapse, without complying with one of the best Articles of the Peace: But why that Court has not (during the Administration of such as were warmest in the Prosecution of their Predecessors) been obliged to fulfil the express Terms of that Article, cannot, I think, be accounted for otherwise, than by saying, that as the *French* Court had been suffered to build the Fortifications of *Mardyke*, it availed nothing to insist upon the Demolition of *Dunkirk*; and would only expose us to a Quarrel and perhaps a War with a Nation, with whom it seems, we were not on any Account to quarrel.

THE Event has sufficiently justified the Marquis de Torcy's Argument; for from  
hence

hence have been sent all the Assistance the C H A P.  
II.  
*French* have given the Pretender : And here, and at *Ostend* have been collected the Troops and Shipping designed for an *Invasion* of the *British Dominions*. These Proceedings of the *French Court* have certainly opened our Eyes, as to the Importance of these two Ports : And it is to be hoped we shall not (as those wise and worthy Patriots did) sign any future Peace, till we see such *essential Articles* either actually executed and performed to the Rigour, and utmost Extent of them ; or good *Cautionary Places* given in the mean time, till they are so performed.

THE Xth Article restores to *Great-Britain* the Bay and Streights of *Hudson*, &c. But in Lieu thereof, the Ministry of those Times suffered themselves to be so grossly imposed upon as (by the VIIIth Article of the Treaty of Commerce ) to give to *France* all they wanted ; namely, a Liberty of taking and drying their *Fish* upon *Newfoundland*. Remark on  
the 10th Article.

THE XIth Article provides, that Satisfaction be made to the *Hudson's Bay Company*, Remark on  
the 11th Article

CHAP. *pany, &c.* But shews at the same Time,

II. that in those Days, as almost every Day  
 { since, the *French* were making *Hostile In-*  
*ursions and Depredations, as well as taking*  
*British Ships, in Time of Peace.*

*Remark on  
 the 12th Ar-  
 ticle.*

THE XIIth Article engages, that the  
 Island of *St. Christopher's*, all *Nova Scotia*,  
 or *Acadia*, as also *Port-Royal*, now called  
*Annapolis-Royal*, shall hereafter be possessed  
 by *British Subjects only*. It excludes the  
 Subjects of *France* from *fishing* in the said  
 Seas, &c. Whereas it is notorious that  
 they have ever since, till the War was  
 proclaimed, continued *fishing* all along  
 those Coasts at their pleasure.

THE XIIIth Article provides, that the  
 Island of *Newfoundland*, &c. shall of Right  
 belong *wholly* to the *English*; and *Pla-*  
*centia* be yielded up to them. The *French*  
 shall not fortify any Place on that Island,  
 nor build any thing, besides Stages and  
 Hutts, to catch and dry Fish, on a cer-  
 tain Part of the Island: But the Island  
 of *Cape Breton* shall hereafter belong to  
 the *French*.

IN a Memorial delivered or sent by Mr. St. John to Monsieur de Torcy, dated May 24, 1712, O. S. Art. IV. it was proposed, *That the Islands in the Gulph of St. Laurence, and in the Mouth of the River of that Name, which are at present possessed by the French, may remain to His most Christian Majesty ; but expressly on Condition that His said Majesty shall engage himself not to raise, or suffer to be raised, any Fortifications in these Islands, or those of Cape Breton. The Queen likewise engages not to raise any Fortifications in the adjacent Islands, and those of Newfoundland, nor in that of Cape Breton : For by the foregoing Article it was provided, that the Queen's Subjects, and His Majesty's, should enjoy the Island of Cape Breton in common.* This shews that the Ministry was aware of the Importance of that Island, yet gave it up by this XIIIth Article, in Exchange for Newfoundland ; where, at the same Time, they allowed the French the Liberty of catching and drying Fish : That is, they gave up that valuable and Important Island for nothing

at



CHAP. at all ; granting the *French* even more  
 II. than they at first asked. Nay, this Con-  
 cession was likewise in direct Contradiction of the foregoing Article : For in *an Absolute Cession of Nova Scotia, or Acadia*, (as the Queen calls it, in her Speech to the Parliament, on the 6th of *June*, 1712.) *Cape Breton* was always understood to be comprized ; and was declared by the Queen's Instructions to the Duke of *Shrewsbury*, to be a Part of *Nova Scotia*. It was however given up, with the same Ease as every other Point which the *French* Ministry insisted on ; and they were suffered to fortify themselves there.

*Remark on  
 the 15th Article.*

THE XVth Article provides that the Subjects of *Canada* shall not disturb the *Indian Nations*, subject to *Great Britain* ; nor we, on our Part, disturb their *American* Subjects. I am of opinion, that this Article has been too often broke through on both Sides, to afford any great Right of Complaint to either.

HAVING thus gone through the Treaty of *Utrecht*, as far as it related to our Purpose ;

pose ; and made such Remarks upon the CHAP,  
several Parts of it, as we imagined might II.  
be entertaining, at least, to those Readers {  
who have not had Opportunity of en-  
quiring into these Affairs ; we shall now  
proceed to an Enquiry into the Situation,  
Climate, Produce, and Ports, of the Island  
of *Cape Breton*, lately conquered (I may  
say, *so gloriously* conquered) by His Ma-  
jesty's Subjects ; and wrested, once more,  
out of the Hands of that haughty, per-  
fidious, and insulting Nation. All Treaties  
are now broke through ; and, whenever  
Peace is restored, we must endeavour to  
remedy all the *Mistakes* (to give them no  
worse a Name) of former Administra-  
tions.

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*A General Description of the Island  
of Cape Breton ; its Situation,  
Climate, Produce, Ports, &c.  
as collected from different Au-  
thors.*

CHAP. III. *SALMON*, in his *Modern History of all Nations*, Vol. III. d. p. 645. of the London Edition, in 4to. 1739. gives the following Account of this Island.

*Salmon's  
Description  
of Cape  
Breton.*

CAPE BRETON is situate between  $45 \frac{1}{2}$  and  $47 \frac{1}{2}$  Degrees of North Latitude ; and is separated from *Acadia*, or *New Scotland*, by the *Narrow Streights of Canso*, on the South-west ; and the other Streight or Passage of *Cape Rey* separates it from *Newfoundland* on the North-east. It is indented on every Side, by large Bays of the Sea, which cut almost through it in some Places, and form several commodious Harbours. The Island is about 120 Miles in length, and 50 Miles in breadth. It

is a barren, desert Land, affording scarce any Trees or Herbage; and has very few Rivers. It would probably never have been planted, if it had not lain *so convenient* for the *French* to preserve their Communication with the River of *St. Laurence* and *Canada*; and to protect their Fisheries, as well as to disturb the Trade and Fisheries of *Great Britain*, in Times of War.

THE Island of *St. John* lyes between *Of St. John's Cape Breton*, and the Coast of *New Scot-land*. *land*; and is about 20 Leagues in Length. The Island of *Anticosti* is a much larger *Of Anticosti Island*, lying just before the Mouth of *St. Laurence* River. These, and the lesser Islands in the *Bay of St. Laurence* do not seem to be of any other Use to the *French*, than to preserve their Communication with *Canada*. I do not find they have any Towns or Plantations upon them.

THUS far *Salmon*. But what will add great Weight to all we shall say upon this Subject, is, that it is chiefly collected from *French* Authors, and such as have lately been upon the Spot. *Charlevoix*, in the *Fourth Volume of his History of France*,

CHAP. in 8vo. published at Paris, 1744. gives the  
 III. following Description of Cape Breton.

*Charlevoix's  
 Description  
 of Cape  
 Breton.*

By the Cession of *Acadia* and *Placentia* to the *English*, there remained to *France* no other Place to carry on the Fishery of Cod-Fish, or at least to dry their Fish in, but the Island of *Cape Breton*, which is now only known by the Name of *l'Isle Royale*. This Island is situated between 45 and 47 Degrees of North Latitude ; and forms, with the Island of *Newfoundland*, (from which it is distant but about 15 Leagues) the Entrance of the Gulph of *St. Laurence*. The Streight which separates *Cape Breton* from *Acadia*, is about five common Leagues of *France* in length, and about one in breadth : It is called the *Passage of Fronsac*. The Length of the Island, from North-east to South-west, is not quite fifty Leagues. Its Figure is irregular ; and it is in such a manner cut through by Lakes and Rivers, that the two principal Parts of it hold together, only by an *Isthmus* of about eight hundred Paces in breadth : Which Neck of Land separates the Bottom of *Port Toulouse*, from several Lakes, which are called *Labrador*.

*Passage of  
 Fronsac.*

*brador.* The Lakes empty themselves into the Sea, to the East, by two Channels of unequal Breadth, which are formed by the Islands *Verderonne* and *la Boularderie*, which is from seven to eight Leagues long.

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THE Climate of this Island is pretty near the same with that of *Quebec*: And although Mists and Fogs are more frequent here, yet no one complains that the Air is unwholesome. All the Lands here are not good; nevertheless they produce of all Sorts. There are Oaks of a prodigious Size, Pines for Masts, and all Sorts of Timber fit for Carpenter's Work. The most common Sorts, besides the Oak, are the Cedar, Ash, Maple, Plane-tree, and Aspin. Fruits; particularly Apples, Pulse, Herbs and Roots, Wheat, and all other Grain, necessary for Sustenance; Hemp and Flax abound here less, but are every whit as good as in *Canada*. It has been observed, that the Mountains may be cultivated up to their Tops; that the good Soil inclines always towards the South; and that it is covered from the North and North-west Winds by the Mountains,

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which

CHAP. which border upon the River of *St. Lawrence*.  
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ALL the domestick Animals, such as Horses, horned Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Goats, and Poultry, pick up a good Livelihood here. What is got by Hunting, Shooting, and Fishing, is able to maintain the Inhabitants a good Part of the Year. This Island abounds in Coal-pits, which are in the Mountains; consequently, the Trouble and Expence of digging deep, and making Drains to carry off the Water, are greatly saved. Here is likewise Plaster in great abundance. *It said, that there is no Part of the World, where more Cod-fish is caught, nor where there is so good Conveniency for drying it.* Formerly this Island was full of Deer; they are now very scarce, particularly Elks. Partridges are here almost as large as Pheasants; and, in their Feathers, not unlike them. In a word, the Fishery of Sea-pike, Porpoises, &c. is in great abundance here, and carried on with great Ease.

*Its Ports, in general.*

ALL its Ports open to the East, turning a little to the South, and within the Space of  
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of fifty-five Leagues, beginning at *Port Dauphin*, and continuing to *Port Toulouse*, which is almost at the Entrance of the *Passage of Fronsac*. In all other Parts of the Island, it is difficult to find Anchorage for small Vessels, in small Creeks, or amongst the Islands. All the Northern Coast is very high, and almost inaccessible: And it is very difficult to land on the Western Coast, till you come to the *Passage of Fronsac*, out of which you are no sooner got, but you meet with the *Port Toulouse*, known formerly by the Name of *St. Peter*. This Port is strictly between a kind of Gulph (which is called *Little St. Peter's*) and the Islands *St. Peter*, over-against the *Islands Madame*, or *Maurepas*. From thence, ascending towards the South-east, you find the *Bay of Gaborie*, of which the Entrance (which is near twenty Leagues distant from *St. Peter's Islands*) is a League broad, between Islands and Rocks. It is very safe to come near these Islands, some of which advance a League and Half into the Sea. This Bay is two Leagues deep, and the Anchorage very good.



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*Lewisburg.*

THE Harbour of *Lewisburg*, formerly called the *English Harbour*, is not above a large League from the above Bay ; AND IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE FINEST IN AMERICA. It is near four Leagues in Circumference ; and every where there are six or seven Fathoms Water. The Anchorage is very good ; and you may, without danger, run a Ship aground upon the Mud. The Entrance is not above two hundred Fathoms wide ; and lies between two small Islands. It is discovered at the distance of twelve Leagues, at Sea, by the Cape of *Lorembec*, which is but at a small distance from it to the North-east. Two Leagues further up, is the *Port de la Baleine* ; the Entrance of which is very difficult, occasioned by many Rocks, which the Sea covers, when it is agitated. No Ships of greater Burden than 300 Tons, can go into it ; but they are quite safe there, when they are got in.

*Port de la Baleine.**Bay of Penadou, or Menadou.*

FROM thence, in less than the distance of two Leagues, you come to the *Bay of Penadou*, or *Menadou* ; the Entrance of which

which is about a League broad, and the Bay itself is about two Leagues deep, Almost over-against this Bay, is the *Island Scatari* (formerly called *Little Cape Breton*) which is above two Leagues long. The *Bay of Mirè* is separated from it by a very narrow Neck of Land. The Entrance of this Bay is likewise near two Leagues wide, and is at least eight Leagues deep. It grows narrower, the further you go into it; and many small Rivers and Rivulets empty themselves into it. Large Ships may go up it, about fix Leagues, and find there good Anchorage, under cover of the Hills. Besides the *Island of Scatari*, there are many other small ones, and Rocks, which the Sea never covers, but may be discovered a great way off. The largest of these Rocks, is called the *Forillon*. The *Bay of Morienne* is higher up, separated from the Bay of *Mirè* by the Cape *Brulé*; and a little higher is *l'Isle Plate*, or *l'Isle à Pierre de fusil*, directly in the Latitude of 46 Degrees 8 Minutes. There is between all these Islands and Rocks, very good Shelter, and you may go amongst them, and near them, without Fear or Danger.

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*l'Indiana  
Harbour.  
Bay des Es-  
pagnols.*

FROM hence, proceeding for about three Leagues to the North-west, you find a very good Harbour, which is called *l'Indiane*; but it is fit only for small Vessels. From *l'Indiane*, to the *Bay des Espagnols*, there are two Leagues. This Bay is a very fine Harbour. Its Entrance is but about a thousand paces wide; but it grows wider, and at the height of a League divides itself into two Branches, which may be sailed up for three Leagues. Both these Branches are excellent Ports, which might be made better at a very small Expence. From this Bay to the lesser Entrance of \* *Labrador* are two Leagues: and the Island which separates the lesser from the larger Entrance, is about two leagues long. *Labrador* is a Gulph above twenty Leagues long, and is about three or four wide, in its greatest Breadth. It is counted a League and half

\* THERE is a large Continent, situated between the Gulph and River of St. Laurence, and Hudson's Bay, which is called Labrador, and by the English New Britain, or New Wales, which must not be confounded with this, in the Island of Cape Breton, which is a Lake.

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from the large Entrance of *Labrador*, to C H A P.  
the *Port Dauphin* or *St Anne*; and you III.  
may come to an Anchor, almost any Port Dau-  
where, amongst the Islands of *Cibou*. Apbin, or Port  
Neck of Land almost entirely covers the St. Anne.  
Port, and leaves Room for no more than  
one Ship at a time to go in. The *Port*  
*Dauphin* is about two Leagues in Cir-  
cumference; and Ships hardly feel the  
wind there, by reason of the Height of  
the Mountains which surround it: They  
may come as near the Shore as they  
please. All these Harbours and Ports be-  
ing so near to each other, *it would be ve-*  
*ry easy to make Roads by Land from One*  
*to the other; and nothing could be more ad-*  
*vantagious to the Inhabitants, than these*  
*Communications, which would save them the*  
*trouble in the Winter Season, of going so*  
*far about, by Sea.* This is the Descrip-  
tion, given of this Island in general by  
the abovementioned Jesuit, who has been  
a long time there, pretends to be very ex-  
act in his Enquiries, and published his  
History a very little while before this  
*Important Island* was conquered by the  
*English Nation.*

CHAP. HE afterwards proceeds to describe  
 III. more particularly some of the above Ports,  
 such as that of *Lewisburg*, and that of  
*St. Anne* or *Port Dauphin*.

AFTER the Cession of *Placentia* and *Acadia* to the Crown of *England*, it is certain that the *French* had no other Place where they could dry their Fish, or even fish in Safety, but the Island of *Cape Breton*: they were therefore drove by Necessity to settle an Establishment there, and to fortify it.

*More particular Description of Port Lewisburg.*

THEY began by changing its Name, and called it *l'Isle Royale*. They next deliberated upon the Choice of a proper place to settle the General Quarters in; and they were for a long time divided between *Lewisburg* and *Port Dauphin*. It has been already said that the former is one of the finest Harbours in all *America*: that it has near four Leagues in Circumference; that there is Anchorage all over it, in Six or Seven Fathoms Water; that the Anchorage is good, and that one may run a Ship aground in the Mud, with-

without Danger. It's Entrance is not two Hundred Fathoms wide, between two little Islands, which may easily defend it. *The Cod-Fishing is there very abundant, and one may fish there from the Month of April, to the End of December.* But then it was said that the Land about this Port is barren; and that it would cost immense Sums to fortify it; because all the Materials must be brought a great way. Besides which, it had, it seems, been remarked that there was no sandy bottom in this Harbour, for more than about forty fishing Vessels.

IT has likewise been observed that *the Port St. Anne, or Dauphin*, has a sure and safe Road for Ships, at its Entrance, amongst the Islands of *Cibou*; and that a Neck of Land almost entirely shuts up the Port, leaving a Passage for no more than one Vessel at a time. This Port, thus shut up, has near two Leagues Circumference in an oval Form: Ships may here come as near as they please to the Land; and the Mountains which surround it, keep off the Winds in such a manner, that they are hardly felt. They who

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*More particular Description of Port Dauphin.*

CHAP. were for chusing this Port for the Chief  
 III. Settlement, alledged that it might be rendered *impregnable* at an easy rate; that more might be done here for two thousand Livres, than at *Lewisburg* for two Hundred Thousand; because every thing necessary for building a large City, and fortifying it, was at hand. It is further certain that the sandy Bottom is as extensive here, as at *Placentia*; that the Fishing is very good; that there is a great Quantity of excellent Timber about this Place, such as Maple, Beach, and wild Cherry tree, but above all Oaks of above thirty feet high, fit for building, &c. It is likewise true, that Marble is here very common; that the Lands are generally good; that about the great and smaller Entrances of *Labrador*, which are but at the Distance of a League and half, the Soil is very good. In a word, this Port is but four Leagues distant from the *Bay des Espagnols*, which is likewise a very good Harbour, where the Lands are excellent, and covered with Woods fit for almost all Uses. It is true that here is no fishing in small Boats, on account of the westerly Winds, which generally blow here;

here ; but one may fish here, as at *New-England* in large ones.

THE only Inconveniency of *Port St. Anne*, is, that the Entrance is difficult : and this Inconveniency alone determined the Controversy in Favour of *Lewisburg* ; where neither Pains nor Expence have been spared to render it both convenient and impregnable.

THE Island of *St. John*, which is near *Cape Breton* is the largest of all those in the Gulph of *St. Laurence*. It has the Advantage, in this respect, even of *Cape Breton*, that all the Land is here good and fertile. It is about twenty-two Leagues long, and fifty in Circumference : It has a sure and convenient Port, and was formerly covered with Timber of all kinds.

UNTIL a Settlement was made at *Cape Breton*, no body minded *St John's Island* ; but the Neighbourhood of these two Islands, soon convinced the Settlers, that they might be of great Use to each other.



## C H A P. IV.

*The Advantages to the English Nation, arising from the Conquest of Cape Breton.*C H A P.  
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I N the Course of this Chapter, I intend

FIRST, to collect the most authentick Accounts I can meet with, of the Use the *French* made, or intended to make, of this Island of *Cape Breton*; as well in promoting *their own* Trade and Benefit, as in curbing and distressing our's.

SECONDLY, to shew how much the Tables are turned upon them, by its being in the Possession of the King of *Great Britain*, and his Subjects, if the *Greatest Advantage* that may be, is made of this Acquisition.

As to the *First*; it will best appear, from an Extract of a long Memorial presented

ſented by Meſſ<sup>rs</sup>. *Raudot*, to the *French* CHAP. Ministers, as early as the Year 1706, and IV. their repeated Applications from that time to the Year 1713. Theſe Gentlemen never ceaſed repreſenting to the Court the indiſpenſable Neceſſity of making a ſolid Eſtabliſhment in the Iſland of *Cape Breton*; if it was intended that the Colonies of *New France* ſhould ever turn to any Account.

THE Memorialiſts ſet out, by ſuppoſing and ſaying, that the Principal, and almoſt only View People had in ſettling at *Canada*, was the Fur-trade; eſpecially that of the Beaver: But, ſay they, it ought to have been foreſeen, that either the Beaver would, in time, be quite exhausted; or, by its Quantity, it would become too common: And conſequently, a Colony of that Importance, could not long be ſupported by it. In effect, it has fallen into the latter of theſe Inconveniencies; and the Abundance of Beaver, has ruined the Trade of it. If, on the other hand, this had not happened; but there had always been a ſufficient Demand for thoſe Furs; then the other Inconvenience

CHAP. IV. ency must have followed; namely, that the Species of Beaver had been quite destroyed. Besides this Dilemma; the very hunting of those Animals, and running about the Woods and Lakes after them, was the ruin of the Inhabitants; who thereby fell into a Vagabond, idle Course of Life; from which it is difficult ever to reclaim them, and bring them to the more laborious Task of clearing and cultivating the Lands.

IN the mean time, the King expends every Year in the Colony of *Canada* 100000 Crowns. The Furs amount to 280000 Livres; the Pensions, which the King gives to particular People, and the Revenues which the Bishop and the Seminaries have in *France* amount to 50000 Livres; which, altogether, make a Fund of about 630000 Livres, upon which the whole Commerce of *New France* turns. It is evident, that such an insignificant Sum is not sufficient to maintain from 20 to 25000 Souls; and to furnish them with what they are obliged to have from *France*.

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*Sterling.*

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FROM hence, and from the Failure in Price of the Beaver, it has happened that all the ready Money of *Canada* has been sent to *France* for Goods from thence: Insomuch, that at a certain time, there was not, in all this Country, above a Thousand Crowns in Money: Which Defect was supplied, though with many Inconveniencies, by Paper Money. To remedy these Evils, and to render the Colony more flourishing, the People here might enrich themselves with the Product of the Country, if they were put into a proper Method. This Product might be made to consist in Salt Meats, Masts, Planks, Timber for building, Pitch and Tar, Oyl of Whales, Porpoises, &c. in Cod Fish, Hemp and Flax: To which might be added Iron and Copper. The Difficulty of doing this, consists in two things; First to find a Consumption or Demand for these Commodities; and Secondly, to reduce the Wages of Work of all kinds. This latter Difficulty arises from the Idleness before mentioned of the Inhabitants, and from the Dearth of Goods in *France*. The Method, there-

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CHAP. fore, is to employ every Individual according to his Trade or Capacity ; and to enable every one to subsist, by lowering the Price of Goods. In order to this, it is necessary to find them a Place, whither they may conveniently, and at small charges, carry the above mentioned Commodities, and take those of *France*,

*The French propose Cape Breton, as a Middle Place for depositing Goods between France, and their Colonies in America.*

which they want. By that means, they would save a Part of the Freight upon the One, as well as the other : And this Part of the Inhabitants, who either starve in Idleness, or run about the Woods in quest of Game, would be employed in Navigation. It may be objected, that this Method would take from *France* a Part of its Profit upon its Goods. But we answer, that it would by no means have that Effect ; because the Freight which the Inhabitants of *New France* would hereby save, would immediately be returned to the *Old*, by the greater Consumption of its Goods. For Example ; those who are now idle, and have no other Covering but the Skins of wild Beasts, would then wear the Manufactures of *France*. A fitter Place for the executing of this Design,

figh, could not be found, than the Island CHAP.  
of CAPE BRETON. IV.

LET it not be said, that if this Island is supplied from *Canada* with a Part of those Goods, which it must otherwise have had from *France*, it is so much taken off from the latter : For, in the first place, the Answer made to the foregoing Objection, is likewise an Answer to this ; since the Profit hereby made by *Canada*, will always return to the Kingdom of *France* : For *New France* can never do, without many Sorts of Goods from the *Old*. Secondly, It would be no Disadvantage to *France*, if it did not export so much Corn, and other Provisions ; since the cheaper they are in the Country, the more Workmen it would have for its Manufactures.

THIS Island is situated in such a manner, that it naturally forms a Magazine, or Staple, between the *Old* and *New France*. It can furnish the *first* with Cod-Fish, Oils, Coals, Plaster, Timber, &c. of its own Growth and Product. It will furnish to *New France* the Goods of the *Old* at a much cheaper Rate, and save

CHAP. the latter a considerable Part of the Freight  
 IV. upon her Goods, Besides that the Navigation from *Quebec* to *Cape Breton* would make good Seamen of a Sett of Men, who are not only of no Use, but a dead Weight upon the Colony.

ANOTHER considerable Advantage, which this Establishment would procure to *Canada*, is, that it would be easy to send small Vessels from thence, to fish for Cod (as well as Whales and Porpoises, from which Oils are extracted) at the Mouth of the River of *St. Laurence*, and in the Gulph. The Vessels would be sure of a Market at *Cape Breton*; and might there take in such Goods from *France* as were wanted. Or else, a Vessel going from *Quebec*, laden with the Produce of *Canada*, might go to *Cape Breton*, load Salt there, for curing Fish to be caught in the Gulph, return to *Cape Breton*, and sell his Fish: And out of the Profits of these two Voyages, purchase *French* Goods there; which he would sell again, to Advantage in *Canada*,

WHAT formerly hindered the *Canadians* from fishing in the Gulph, and at the Entrance of the River *St. Laurence*, was, that they were obliged to carry their Fish to *Quebec* ; where they could not get Money enough for it, to pay their Charges. Or, if they were so lucky as to do that, the Profits were not large enough to engage many People in a Trade of that Nature.

THE two Colonies affording thus a mutual Assistance to each other, and the Merchants becoming rich by this continual Commerce and Intercourse, they might associate themselves in Enterprizes, equally advantageous to the one and the other, and consequently to the whole Kingdom ; if it were nothing more than opening the *Iron Mines*, which are in so great abundance about the three Rivers. For, in that Case, one might give some Rest to those of *France*, as well as to its Woods : At least, we should be under no Necessity of fetching *Iron* from *Sweden* and *Biscay*.

*Iron Mines  
in the River  
St. Laurence.*

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MOREOVER, the Ships which go from *France* to *Canada* always run a great Risk in their Return, unless they make their Voyage in the Spring : Whereas, the small Vessels of *Quebec* would run no Risk in going to *Cape Breton*, because they would take their own Time to do it ; and they would always have experienced Pilots. What should hinder them from making two Voyages in a Year ; and by that Means saving the *French* Ships the Trouble of ascending the River of *St. Lawrence*, which would shorten their Voyage by one half ?

BUT further ; The Consumption in *Canada* of *French* Goods, is not the only Advantage which this Establishment would afford to this Colony ; *But it would have likewise an Opportunity of passing its Wines, Brandies, Linnens, Ribbons, Silks, &c. into the English Colonies.* This Commerce would become very advantageous : For the *English* would furnish themselves at *Cape Breton*, and in *Canada*, not only with all the Goods they wanted on the Continent, where their Colonies are extreamly peopled ;  
but

but also for their Islands, and those of CHAP.  
the *Dutch*, with which they traffick. By IV.  
*these Means we should draw a great deal of*  
*Money out of those Colonies, even though the*  
*Entry of our Goods should not be openly per-*  
*mitted.*

IN a word, nothing would be more likely, than this Establishment, to engage the Merchants of *France* to employ People in the Cod-Fishery : For, as *Cape Breton* would furnish *Canada* with *French Goods*, those Vessels which were sent thither for Fish, would take a Cargo, consisting half in Goods, and half in Salt ; so that they would make a double Advantage ; whereas, at present, the *French Ships*, which go out a Cod-fishing, load nothing but Salt. Add to this ; that the *Augmentation of the Fishery* would enable *France* to furnish *Spain and the Levant with Fish* ; which would be a Means of bringing immense Sums into the Kingdom.

THE *Whale Fishery* ( which is very *Whale-fishery*  
abundant in the Gulph, and towards the *in the River*  
Coasts of *Labrador*, and even in the River *and Gulph of*  
of *St. Laurence*, as far as *Tadoussac*) might  
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CHAP. also be one of the most solid Advantages  
 IV. of this Settlement. Those Ships which go  
 { on this Fishery, should be loaden in *France*  
 with Goods, which they should sell, or  
 leave with the Merchants Correspondent  
 at *Cape Breton* : And from thence, they  
 should take in Casks, and go a-fishing ;  
 which, in this Place, is so much the easier,  
 being performed in Summer, and not in  
 the Winter, as in the North of *Europe*,  
 where the Ships must lie amongst the  
 Flakes of Ice, in effect of which, the  
 Whales are frequently lost, after they are  
 struck. In this manner, the Fishing-  
 Vessels would gain upon their Merchan-  
 dize brought to *Cape Breton*, and upon  
 their Fish : And this double Profit would  
 be made in less Time, and with less Risk,  
 than that of the Whale-Fishery of the  
 North : And the Money, which is carried  
 to the *Dutch* for this Commodity, would  
 remain in *France*.

It has been already remarked, that  
 the Island of *Cape Breton* can furnish of  
 its own growth, Masts and Building-Tim-  
 ber to the Kingdom of *France* : It might  
 likewise fetch them from *Canada* ; which  
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would much encrease the reciprocal Commerce of the two Colonies, and would ease the Kingdom greatly in the Expence of building Ships. This Timber would be fetched from the Island, without our being obliged to buy it from Strangers : And what should hinder us from building Ships at *Cape Breton*, when every Thing necessary to it, may be had from *Canada* ? The Materials would cost there much less than in *France* ; and enable us to furnish other Nations with Shipping, instead of buying it from them.

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IN short, there is not in the World *Cape Breton* a surer Retreat for Ships, coming from a sure Retreat for whatever Part of *America*, than *Cape Breton*, in case of being chased, in case Ships from the West-Indies. of bad Weather, or of want of Wood, Water, or Provisions. Besides, that in Time of War, it would be a Place for Cruising, so as entirely to distress the Trade And very of all the British Settlements in America : proper for establishing And if we had Force enough (which it a Cruise. would be very easy to have) we might make ourselves Masters of the Cod-Fishery, by the means of a few small Frigates,

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CHAP. which should be always ready to fall out  
 IV. of, and return into the Ports.

BUT then, these Things are not to be done by Companies ; who generally set their Minds wholly upon getting rich in a little time ; and abandon, or neglect every thing which does not immediately return large Profits. They give themselves very little Trouble about making solid and lasting Settlements, or considering the Advantage of the Inhabitants ; *for whom it is not possible to have too great a Regard, if we would engage them to establish themselves in a new Colony, and promote their Interests therein.*

THE above Memorial has pointed out to us so many of the Advantages, which this Nation may reap from this Important Conquest, that it has in a great measure cut short our Work in enumerating them. For we have little else to do, but to consider what Uses they made of this Island ; and by turning their own Weapons against them, we may employ them with double Force ; inasmuch as *they* are greatly weakened

ened, *we* immensely encreased in Strength CHAP.  
by this Acquisition. IV.

IT is pretty remarkable, that the *French* Jesuit begins his Description of *Cape Breton* by averring, that after the Cession of *Placentia* and *Acadia* to the Crown of *England*, *The French had no other Place, where they could dry their Fish in Safety, but the Island of Cape Breton* : Wherefore they were driven by Necessity to make a Settlement there, and to fortify it.

THIS Axiom he repeats more than once in the Course of his History of *New France* : And, if it be a true one, it necessarily follows, that the *French* have now lost all the Advantages they had, or could propose to themselves, by the Possession of that Island.

SINCE the Declaration of War, the *French* (it is presumed) have been debarred from fishing on the Banks of *Newfoundland* ; as well as from drying and curing their Fish upon that Island. Whenever a Peace between the two Crowns shall be negotiated, it is not doubted but

CHAP. proper Measures will be taken to remove  
 IV. all possibility of abusing, as they have  
 done, the Privileges granted them by the  
*Treaty of Utrecht.*

NOTHING could possibly have contributed so much to the securing this Important Branch of our Trade, as our being Masters of *Cape Breton*; which is so situated, as to be either of *inestimable Value*, or *inconceivable Detriment* to the *English Nation*. It lies between 45 and 47 Degrees of Northern Latitude; and is separated from *Acadia*, or *New Scotland*, only by the *Narrow Streights of Canso*. It shuts up, as it were, the Entrance into the Gulph, and consequently the River of *St. Laurence*. It is nearer the Great Fishing-Banks of *Newfoundland*, than any of the *English Colonies*, except the Island of *Newfoundland* itself; consequently, must effectually intercept or protect all Inter-course between our Colonies, and that Island. In a word, it is, in all Respects, so situated, as if Providence intended it should make a Part of the *British Dominions*, as it really and in Fact is the Key to all the rest.

IF this be the Case, (and I believe no true Subject of *Great Britain* will deny it to be the Case) can any Care be employed, any Money expended, that is too great, or too considerable for the Preservation of it? But we have many other Inducements to the taking early and effectual Measures for the securing of *Cape Breton* to the Dominion of the Crown of *England*, as well from whatever *Open Force* may be brought against it, as from all the Arts and Intrigues of *French Ministers*. We have suffered once already by their Tricks; and that in the *very Point* now before us. Let us, therefore be aware of their playing the same Game over again; And in order to it, let every one who is Master of the Subject, add to these few Hints all that is wanting to shew Our King, Our Ministers, Our Legislature and Our People, how immensely valuable this late Acquisition is; and how well it deserves to be nourished, protected and preserved.

Mess. RAUDOT have alledged, that *Cape Breton* can furnish of its own Growth, Codfish, Oyls, Coals, Plaster, Timber,



CHAP. Timber, &c. to the Kingdom of *France*.

IV. If that be true (and as I am informed, it is strictly so) then this is not a barren desert Land, affording scarce any Trees or Herbage, as represented by *Salmon*.

CHARLEVOIX says it has many Lakes and Rivers : That there is a competent Number of Domestick Animals, which subsist very well upon it : That Fruits and Grain grow well there : That Hemp and Flax are cultivated with Success ; and that fishing and hunting are able to maintain the Inhabitants a good Part of the Year. This can never, surely, be called a Desert Place ; nor can there be any Danger of starving upon an Island where there are so many Resources. The Climate is in general reputed Healthy, notwithstanding the Frequency of Fogs there to be met with. Coals abound in the Island ; and are procured at a small Expence. Timber, Stones, Marble and Plaster are every where to be had ; so that good Habitations may not only be built, but kept warm, when built. Lastly, Provisions cannot be said to be scarce, where there is Fish in abundance ; and Beef, Veal, Mutton,

Mutton, Lamb, Kid, Goat's Flesh, wild and tame Fowl, Corn, Herbs, Roots, Fruit, &c. in tolerable Plenty. The Place, herefore, as to the Necessaries of Life, is not only habitable, but in some Degree comfortable : let us now see how it may be rendered more so.

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MESS. RAUDOT ( about thirty two Years ago ) shewed the *French Court* the Expediency and Advantage of establishing a Staple or Magazine upon the Island of *Cape Breton*, for all Goods, &c. passing between *Old* and *New France*. Whether that Use was ever made of the Place, I am not informed : But, from the Arguments and Reasons given by them for such an Establishment, it is very evident that nothing could turn to greater Account. Hence, therefore we are furnished with a Hint, how to render this Island not only immediately useful, but also how to people, fortify, and enrich it in a short time, beyond all Possibility of losing it again by Force. For where a *Staple* or *Mart* is established, thither, of Course, will resort great Numbers of Merchants, and Traders. These bring Money,

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CHAP. Money, and Money produces Industry:

IV. By Money, Industry, Numbers of People, and Encouragement, what is too difficult to be effected? The most barren and desert Spot of Ground in the Universe, would in these Circumstances, be rendered fertile, as is evident in the Instance of the Island of *Malta*. Every Difficulty would be turned into some sort of Advantage; and what is now a Horror, would be converted into a Beauty. As soon as the Country became rich, it would become better worth the preserving: Fortifications (if needful) would be added to those already made; and each Individual would contribute to its Preservation and Safety, with so much the greater Care and Zeal, as his own Interest therein would be of greater Concern. To me, therefore, it does not occur, that there is any material Objection against our erecting this Island into a *Staple or Mart for all Goods and Traffick carried on between England and its American Colonies*: But as I do not pretend to be so far Master of that Subject, as to foresee and obviate all the Objections that may lie against such a Scheme; so I shall

*Cape Breton  
proposed as  
a Mart  
between  
England and  
America.*

I shall content myself with barely giving the Hint; and submit the more particular Enquiry into it, to such as are better Judges of the Arguments for, and against it.

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LET us now proceed to consider, in what manner, and to how great a Degree our Trade may be enlarged, protected, and promoted by the Addition of *Cape Breton* to the Dominions of the Crown of *England*.

WE have above given a very particular Description of all the Ports and Harbours of this Island, and many of them appear (upon the Testimony of my *French* Author) to be some of the best in *America*. From hence it must follow, that if any of our Ships of War, or trading Vessels are under any Difficulties in their Voyage to or from our Colonies, or any other part of the *West Indies*, here is a sure and safe Retreat. Whereas, we had not only the Dangers of the Seas to escape, but the Hazard of being taken at the Beginning, or End of a Voyage, as long as *Cape Breton* continued in the

*Cape Breton*  
a sure Retreat  
for our Ships.

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Hands of our Enemies. For as I have before observed, it lies so, that it is next to impossible to sail to or from *Nova Scotia, New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Carolina and Georgia*, without approaching very near to this Island, in the way to or from *England*. Messrs. *Raudot* have observed, that a few Frigates stationed here, would be sufficient to interrupt our Commerce with the Colonies \*. What then should hinder us from stationing here as many Ships of War, as may be necessary, not only to protect our Trade, but to prevent any *Danger of an Attack?*

\* SALMON, Vol. III, p. 645, says; *Here are several Harbours, where the French Cruisers or Privateers may be securely, and from whence interrupt the British Trade and Fisheries of New England, New Scotland, and Newfoundland, at their Pleasure. Nor do I see how it is possible for an English Squadron to protect them entirely upon such extensive Coasts. All that can be done in time of War, is to make Repressals on the French by our Cruisers and Privateers, and as our Merchantmen and Fishermen are by much the most numerous; we must expect to be the greatest Sufferers, as we always were, in the late War; the French taking three Prizes, for one we took from them.*

and a beautiful view of the sea and  
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HERE then are good *Ports* and *Harbours*: But not only so, for Safety and Security from Winds and Enemies; but also fit for careening and refitting of Ships on any Occasion. Nay, it has been with *Credibility* affirmed, that Ships of all Dimensions and Force may be built here.

For, whatever the Island itself does not afford, may, with great Ease, be supplied from some one of our own Colonies. The Streight of *Canso* or *Passage of Front-sac* is but a League over between *Acadia* and *Cape Breton*: And from the Bay of *St Laurence*, the *English* Colonies run in a Chain to the South-west, as far as to the Gulph of *Florida*.

BUT Ships may not only be built here, but much cheaper built, than in *Europe*. Artificers, it is certain, may in some measure be wanting for a time, but will soon be supplied, if ever the Work is set about in good Earnest. And why it should not, I do not perceive, when all the Materials are upon the Spot, and it is much easier, and less expensive

CHAP. to carry Workmen thither, than to bring  
 IV. these lumbering Goods to the Workmen.

*The English hereby become Masters of all the Cod-fishery* BY the Possession of *Cape Breton* we are become, or have it in our Power to become, entire Masters of all the *Cod-fishery*, which, as *Charlevoix* asserts, is of more value than the *Mines of Peru*.

*Computation of the French Fishery before the War.* HAVING in my Possession a *Computation of the French Fishery as it was managed before the present War*, which is allowed by all good Judges of that Matter to be a Judicious, exact, and well calculated Piece; I should have inserted it here at full length, if I had not met with it in a Pamphlet lately printed at *Exeter*, entitled, *An Accurate Journal and Account of the Proceedings of the New England Land Forces, during the late Expedition against the French Settlements in Cape Breton*.

IN that Pamphlet, the Reader may see the whole Calculation; from whence it appears, that the *French* made the Sum of 949192 l. 10 s. *Sterling* Advantage from the single Article of the *Fishery*: And employed

employed 564 Sail of Ships; and 27500 CHAP.  
Men per Annum. IV.

WHETHER the *French* ever attempted the *Whale Fishery* in the Bay and River of *St. Laurence*, I am not informed: But it does not appear to have any Place in this Calculation, and consequently remains to be added to it. For, whether they made any Advantage of it, or not, it is evident, from all the Accounts given of those Parts of the World, that Whales not only abound in the Gulph, &c. but that the Fishing is performed there to much greater Advantage, and in a safer Manner and Season, than in *Greenland*. I shall not here pretend to set a Value upon this Branch of *Whale Fishing*; but only observe, that the Bay is now open to us, and that the Trade of *Whale Fishing* may be carried on here with great Safety, and with incredible Gains. The *French* Trade up the River of *St. Laurence*, to *Tadoussac*, *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and their other Settlements upon that River, is hereby, in a great measure, if not totally obstructed, or may be so, if proper and vigorous Means are made use of.

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SALMON, at the 646th Page of his  
III<sup>d</sup> Volume, has these remarkable words :

“ *As to the French King’s yielding up*  
“ *Cape Breton, and the other Islands in the*  
“ *Bay of St. Laurence, it must be consider-*  
“ *ed, that if he had parted with these as*  
“ *the Treaty of Utrecht, he could no longer*  
“ *have had any other Communication with*  
“ *Canada, and New France, than what*  
“ *we saw fit. And it could scarce be ex-*  
“ *pected he should exclude himself from all*  
“ *Commerce with his Colonies of New*  
“ *America.*”

IN the King of France’s Answer to a  
Memorial sent from England in June, 1712  
N. S. Art. 3d. are the following Words, viz.

“ *As the perfect Understanding that*  
“ *the King proposes to establish between his*  
“ *Subjects, and those of the Queen of Great*  
“ *Britain will, if it please God, be one of*  
“ *the principal Advantages of the Peace ;*  
“ *We must remove all Propositions capable*  
“ *of disturbing this happy Union. And, as*  
“ *Experience has made it too visible, that it*  
“ *was*

"was impossible to preserve it, in the Places CHAP.  
 possessed in common by the French and IV  
 English Nations; So, this Reason alone  
 will suffice to hinder His Majesty from  
 consenting to the Proposition of leaving  
 the English to possess the Island of Cape  
 Breton, in common with the French.  
 But there is still a stronger Reason against  
 this Proposition: As it is but too often  
 seen, that the most amicable Nations many  
 times become Enemies; it is Prudence in  
 the King to preserve to himself the Pos-  
 session of the only Isle, which will here-  
 after open an Entrance into the River of  
 St. Laurence; which would be absolute-  
 ly shut to the Ships of His Majesty, if  
 the English (Masters of Acadia and  
 Newfoundland) still possessed the Island of  
 Cape Breton in common with the French.  
 And Canada would be lost to France,  
 as soon as the War should be renewed  
 between the Two Nations; which God  
 forbid: But the most secure Means to  
 prevent it, is often to think that it may  
 happen."

HERE it is to be observed, that His  
 Most Christian Majesty is extremely scru-  
 pulous

CHAP. pulous on this Occasion, and apprehensive of joining the Subjects of *England* and *France* in the same Island, least they should quarrel. And I believe he was right in his Notion, that the natural Antipathy between the two Nations is such, they cannot long agree together in the same Place. But it is to be observed, that when it suited the Circumstances of *France* to require a Part of *Newfoundland* along with the English, all these Scruples immediately vanished.

HERE then, is the concurrent Testimony of *French* and *English*, Friends and Foes, that *Cape Breton* cuts off all Communication between *Old France*, and *Canada* or *New France*: And that it is the only Island which opens an Entrance into the River of *St. Laurence*; and *Canada* would be lost to *France*, whenever the War should be renewed if this Island was either taken, or given up.

Computation  
of the English  
Fishery.

MR. ASHLEY, in treating on the *American Trade*, Part I. p. 18. tells us, that from *Newfoundland*, *New England* and *Nova Scotia*, there are about Three Hundred

Hundred Sail of Ships; great and small, CHAP.  
or about Thirty Thousand Tons of Ship- IV.  
ping employed annually in carrying Fish to *Portugal, Spain, and Italy*. These Ships employ about 2700 Seamen, and may by a Circulation of Trade, return to *Great Britain* about 260000*l. Sterling, per Annum*, in this Article of Fish, besides *Train-Oil and Whalebone*; of which there may be imported into *Great Britain* to the Value of 400000*l. Sterling, per Annum*, and upwards. And it is computed, that about two Thirds of these Advantages arise from the Fishery of *Newfoundland* only.


BUT this Computation is confined to the *Fishery of Newfoundland* chiefly; to the Trade to *Portugal, Spain, and Italy*, and to the Men employed on board the Ships only. Whereas I have seen another kind of Computation, which takes in the whole *British Fishery in America*; and extends to the Men employed in catching, curing, and drying the Fish ashore, as well as to the Seamen employed to carry it afterwards to different Ports. This Computation runs thus; that the whole Quantity of Fish caught by the *English*, may, *A second Computation of the British Fishery in America.*  
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CHAP. at a round Reckoning, amount to about  
 IV. 600000 Quintals a Year, which at Ten  
 Shillings a Quintal, is worth 300000*l*.  
 And that there are from 14 to 15000  
 Men employed in the Trade.

IT need not be here observed how much this *Trade* of the *Fishery* has been the Object of the Attention of the Nation, on all Occasions. It was one of the principal Points upon which the Treaty of *Utrecht* ought to have turned ; though by the Management of Men at that Time in Power, it was rather turned against us, than to our Advantage. We look upon it as the chief Nursery for Seamen ; and are so much interested in the other Benefits of it, that we annually send one or more of His Majesty's Ships of War, to protect our Subjects, and their Vessels, during the fishing Season.

*Comparison  
 between the  
 French and  
 English  
 Fisheries.*

BUT how inconsiderable is this, in every Branch of it, when compared with what we have lately deprived the *French* of, and gotten into our own Hands ! *Their Fishery* amounted (within a Trifle) to a *Million, Sterling* : *Our's* not to one Third of that Sum.


Sum. They employed 27500 Men : *We*, CHAP.  
 at most, 14 or 15000. *They*, 564 Sail of IV.  
 Ships : *We* about 300, great and small. 

THE Difference is extremely great : But  
 the Advantage far exceeds it, when we *Several Ad-*  
 come to consider, that this is so much ta- *vantages*  
 ken out of the Hands of our Enemies, *arising from*  
 and added to our own Trade ; and ought *our being in*  
 therefore, to be accounted in a duplicate *possession of*  
*the French*  
*Fishery.*  
 Proportion of the real Sum.

BUT *even this Advantage* is inconsider-  
 able, when considered abstractedly, and  
 separate from the other Advantages it  
 brings along with it. Let every Reader  
 weigh within himself the Value of a  
 Trade, which affords a Nursery for near  
 30,000 additional Seamen. The pro- *A Nursery*  
 viding for, or maintaining such a Number *for 30000*  
 of good and useful Subjects, not only at *additional*  
*Seamen,*  
 no Expence, but to the immense Interest  
 and Profit of the Nation, must, *at least*,  
 give Pleasure to every well-disposed Mind ;  
 even though he is not immediately con-  
 cerned in any other Benefit arising from  
 that Branch of Trade. The having that  
 Fund of Seamen to supply our Fleets upon  
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CHAP. any Emergency, must evidently appear to  
 IV. be a very great Advantage to all those who  
 { have either the Trade, the Religion, the  
 Liberty, or the Safety of their Country at  
 Heart. The Circulation of such an ad-  
 ditional Sum annually, must produce such  
 Effects, as will be felt by all Ranks and  
 Degrees of Men, from the Throne to the  
 Plow. And the depriving our Enemies  
 of all the Advantages they reaped from  
 this Branch of Trade must be such a  
 Curb to their Ambition, and cast such a  
 Damp upon all their Projects, that we  
 cannot have any thing to fear from them,  
 so long as we continue to cut this *Main*  
*Sinew of War.*

*Encrease of* ADD to this the great Encrease which  
*of the Woollen* this Acquisition must bring, to the *Woollen*  
*Manufacture* *Manufactures.* The Climate of *Cape Bre-*  
*ton* is, for a great Part of the Year, ex-  
 tremely cold : And the Business of Fishing  
 is such, as exposes the People employed  
 in it, to the damp, rainy, foggy, or frosty  
 Air : Wherefore they must of necessity be  
 well clothed ; which, consequently, makes  
 a large Demand for our coarse Cloths,  
 Flannels, Yarn and Worsted Hose, Caps,  
 Mittens,

Mittens, &c. Whereby great Numbers CHAP.  
of poor, but industrious Families, now IV.  
starving in the North and West of   
*England*, will be comfortably maintained,  
and enabled to pay their Rents, as well  
as rear their Children, and qualify them  
for some Branch or other of this Trade.  
Whereas, they are at this Instant, at a  
loss how to feed them, or what to do  
with them : To bring them up in Idlen-  
ness, does not suit the Temper of the  
*English* : To teach them a declining Trade,  
affords very little Prospect of Success :  
And in these Countries, they are not able  
to teach them any other, having been edu-  
cated universally in one or other Branch of  
it. Wherefore, some have been almost  
tempted to put in execution Dean *Swift's*  
Scheme for providing for their Children.  
But by the Conquest of *Cape Breton*, there  
arises a Demand for all Kinds of Woollen  
Goods, sufficient to cloath and keep warm  
30000, at least, additional Subjects, con-  
cerned in the Fishery. And how many  
will be required to inhabit the Island, and  
to garrison the Fortifications, I leave others  
to compute : But be they more, or be  
they less, they must likewise be cloathed,  
and



C H A P. and add to the Demand for our Woollen  
IV. Manufactures.

*Building many more Ships.*

*Consumption of Iron, Timber, Sail-Cloth, and Cordage.*

THE building, and employing of 564 additional Ships, will prove the Maintenance of several Thousands of Families. What a Consumption must this make of Timber, Iron, Sail-Cloth Cordage, and other Materials? How many poor People must live by the Manufacture of these several Articles; for some of which there will be a repeated Demand every Voyage?

WE shall shew hereafter, when we come to treat of the Affairs of *Canada*, that each of these Advantages may, and must be greatly improved by encreasing our Commerce and Intercourse with the *Indians* and Savages, who have hitherto dealt with the *French* for many Commodities, which they will now find it difficult to furnish them withal.

*Letter from the London Courant.*

I SHALL close this Chapter with a Paragraph or two, out of the *London Courant* of September the 4th, 1745. Wherein after speaking of the Conquest of *Cape Breton*, he says; "The next Step

“ Stop to be taken in order to make CHAP.  
 “ our Conquest lasting, secure, and IV.  
 “ valuable, is to drive the *French* from  
 “ *Canada*; which may now with great  
 “ Ease be effected. That done; they  
 “ would have no Pretence for coming in-  
 “ to those Seas; and the *Fishing* Coast  
 “ would be left entirely to ourselves, from  
 “ the Bank of *Newfoundland*, to the South-  
 “ ernmost Part of *Georgia*; which reaches  
 “ near five hundred Leagues, *Bays* ex-  
 “ cepted; and includes the Cod, Her-  
 “ ring, and Mackarel, two Seasons, with  
 “ Whale and Salmon Fishing. Besides,  
 “ if *Canada*, should come into our hands,  
 “ all the *Fur-Trade* falls in, of Course.  
 “ This would be a Means of living in  
 “ perpetual Amity with all the Tribes of  
 “ *Indians*; and greatly distress the *French*  
 “ *Sugar Colonies*, by preventing them  
 “ from Necessaries; such as Provisions,  
 “ Lumber, &c. which are sent in great  
 “ Quantities from hence. This would  
 “ also infallibly put a Stop to their Build-  
 “ ing any more Ships there; either for  
 “ the King’s or the Merchants Service;  
 “ and hinder many Masts and other Na-  
 “ val

CHAP. " val Stores from being sent from thence  
 IV. " to *France*, for the *Future*.

" THE several Articles, last mention-  
 " ed, added to the great Increase of our  
 " Trade from these Acquisitions, would  
 " be infinitely more valuable to US, than  
 " either *Mexico* or *Peru* : especially, if  
 " we consider, how many thousand Hands  
 " will be employed, how many Families  
 " will be maintained, how many large  
 " Fortunes will be acquired, and how  
 " much our Navigation will be aug-  
 " mented hereby.

" THE Increase of our *Fishery* alone,  
 " (if no further Advantages were to arise  
 " from the taking of *Cape Breton*) is suf-  
 " ficient to recommend the Preservation of  
 " it, to our Care and Consideration : As it  
 " will, in a short space of time, prove a  
 " certain Method to improve our Com-  
 " merce ; to enlarge our Navigation ; to  
 " strengthen our Navy ; and thereby, to  
 " secure our own Coasts, from all *pre-*  
 " *tending Invaders*."

ONE Paragraph more. I cannot help  
 inserting, which is taken from His Ma-  
 jesty's

Majesty's Speech to his Parliament on the 14th of January, 1745. CHAP. IV.

" *The great Advantages which we have received from our Naval Strength, in protecting the Commerce of my Subjects, and intercepting and distressing that of our Enemies, have been happily experienced by the former, and severely felt by the latter. I am, therefore, determined to be particularly attentive to this important Service; and to have such a Fleet at Sea, early in the Spring, as may be sufficient to defend ourselves, and effectually to annoy our Enemies,*

So Gracious a Declaration of so Glorious a Resolution, cannot but warmly affect the Heart of every true Briton, and Well-wisher to his Country. The proper, and most natural Protection and Defence of these Kingdoms, and the Dominions subject to the British Crown, are (beyond a Doubt) to be sought, and found in a sufficient Fleet; which may answer all the Purposes of protecting our Coasts, and Dominions; of securing our own Trade; and of annoying and disturbing,

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CHAP. disturbing, if not destroying the Trade of  
 IV. our Neighbours, and Rivals, as well as  
 ~~~~~ Enemies. Let this be extended to what-  
 ever the National Exigencies may require ;  
 the Money, paid on this Occasion, still  
 remains amongst us : And as it circulates  
 through the Hands of every Individual ;  
 may rather deserve the Name of a Bene-  
 fit, than a Detriment to the Subject. Ma-  
 ny other Advantages, arising from this  
 manner of carrying on a War, particularly  
 a War with *France* and *Spain*, might  
 here be enumerated and enlarged upon :  
 But as this is in some Measure, foreign to  
 my Purpose ; I shall only add that no-  
 thing could so effectually enable His Ma-  
 jesty, to put in practice the Resolution  
 above quoted, in an easier and less expen-  
 sive Way, and to the Great Joy of his  
 Subjects, than the keeping Possession of,  
 and by all means strengthening and im-  
 proving, *Cape Breton*.

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C H A P. V.

*Some Accounts of Canada, and the Affairs of the English Colonies, in its Neighbourhood; particularly of Nova Scotia.*

THE *London Courant* quoted above, CH A P. V. proposes (as the next Step to the Conquest of Cape Breton) the driving the French out of Canada, which, he says, may with great Ease, be done. Under the Name of Canada, the French comprehend all that Extent of Territory, which they otherwise call *New France*. Thus Canada in their Maps, is very differently laid down, from what it is in ours. For they call that Canada, which we call *Acadia*; and that, *Acadia*, which we call *Nova Scotia*. But it is obvious, that they have on all Occasions, changed not only the Names of Places, but even their Boundaries and Limits; just as it best suited their present Conveniency, or

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future Views. They, of late Years, greatly enlarged their Limits prescribed and settled by the Treaty of *Utrecht*, for their fishing, and drying Fish at *Newfoundland*. And in the Year 1700, they pretended that *New France* extended itself along the Coast of *New England*, as far as the River *Kinibequi*. If (as no doubt they intend) any Stress is to be laid upon the Maps lately published by *Bellin*, and annexed to *Charlevoix's* History, there is scarce any Part of *America*, excepting *Mexico* and *Peru*, which they do not in one Shape or another lay claim to. But as all Titles but that of Conquest, are, for the present at least annihilated; let us enquire, First, how far such a thing as the reducing of *Canada* to the Obedience of the Crown of *England*, is, in itself, practicable. And secondly, what would be the Advantages, arising to the Crown of *Great Britain*, in case that Reduction were happily effected.

*The Conquest of Cape Breton, a leading Step to the Reduction of Canada.*

IT is evident, from the foregoing Account of the Situation of *Cape Breton*, that the taking that Island out of the Hands of the *French*, has or may, in a great

great Measure, cut off the Communication between *Old France*, and its Possessions in and about the Bay and River of *St. Laurence*. It may likewise be added, that the *French Trade* to the *Mississipi* may be greatly curbed, if we establish a Cruise at *Cape Breton* sufficient to protect our own Trade in those Parts, and to annoy *that* of our Enemies. For though that River empties itself into the Gulph of *Mexico*, yet their Ships, in going thither and returning from thence, must run the risk of falling in with some of our Cruisers. We have above represented, that this may not only easily be done, but that it would, in many Respects, be for the Advantage of *Great Britain* to build Ships there, and equip them with every thing necessary for their going to Sea. For as to Cannon, Cordage, and Sail Cloth, if they cannot be easily had at *Cape Breton*, or if it be judged improper that they should, they may, with great Ease, and to good Account, be sent from hence.

MESS. RAUDOT have, in their Memorial to the Court of *France*, laid it down

as



CHAP. as a Maxim not to be contested, that  
 V. *New France* cannot long subsist, without  
 Supplies and Support from the *Old*. And  
 by blocking up this Passage, we effectually cut off all those *Necessary Supplies* : which must not only reduce them to great Extremities, but be the *probable Cause* of the Defection of the *Indians* from *them* to *Us*. For as they cannot any longer supply them with Goods, take theirs off their Hands, nor make them the usual, and expected Presents ; these People will not, they cannot long depend upon a Nation, which can neither trade with them, gratify them, nor contribute to their Support. Wherefore I look upon the Reduction of *Canada* \* as  
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\* THIS is not so very difficult a Task as it may at first Sight seem to be, if the the following French Author is to be credited. He quotes a Letter from Monsieur de Vaudreuil Chief Governour of New France, to Monsieur de Pontchartrain Premier Minister, in the Year 1714. “ *Canada* (says the former) has actually in it but 4480 Inhabitants, capable of bearing Arms ; and the 28 Companies, which the King maintains there amount to no more than 628 Men. This bandful of Men is scattered throughout an Extent of 100 Leagues of Country. The  
 English.

the Natural (I had almost said necessary) CHAP. effect of reducing *Cape Breton*. Provided V. always, that we keep such a Force of Ships of War there, as may be able to protect the Place itself; and at the same time to furnish a Number of Cruisers sufficient to preserve the Dominion of those Seas, and to intercept the *French Trade*.

THE better to induce us to attempt the Reduction of *Canada*, let us now see how some of our own Colonies (particularly that of *Nova Scotia*) are endangered by this Neighbourhood, or for want of taking proper Measures for peopling and protecting that Colony.

NOVA SCOTIA lies West of *Cape Breton*; Situation of from which this Province is divided, only *Nova Scotia*.

“ English Colonies, have, at least, 60000 Men capable of bearing Arms: And it cannot be doubted, but on the first Occasion of Rupture, they will make an Effort to possess themselves of Canada; especially, if we reflect, that the City of London (amongst the Articles of Instructions given to its Representatives) insists upon it, that Enquiry be made, why preceding Ministers yielded to France Canada, and the Island of Cape Breton.” *Vide Charlevoix, Vol. IV.*  
“ p. 150:

by

CHAP. by the *Narrow Streights* (or as the Seamen  
 V. call it) *Gut of Canso*. It is situated be-  
 tween the Latitudes 44 and 50 ; and  
 stretches from *Canso* to *Cape Sable*, near  
 an hundred Leagues from East to West.  
 It is reputed the finest Province in all  
*North America* for its Harbours ; one of  
 which is to be met with on the South  
 Coast, at almost every two Leagues di-  
 stance ; and are, many of them, fine, large,  
 navigable Rivers for Ships of Burden. Its  
*Its Produce.* Coasts abound with Variety of Fish, such  
 as Cod, Mackarel, and Herrings, &c. Its  
 Rivers with Salmon, Trouts, Eels, &c.  
 The Land is covered with Ash, Oak, Pines,  
 and Elm, fit for Naval Stores, and for  
 Building-timber, or any other Uses. The  
 Woods are stock'd with Wild-Fowl of  
 different Sorts ; and with Deer, Beaver,  
 and other Furs. The Earth is here full  
 of Coal, Lime, Stone, and Plaster ; and,  
 where it is cleared, is very fit for Agri-  
 culture and Pasture. From such an Ac-  
 count of this Province, it is natural to  
 imagine it is well peopled, and properly  
 encouraged : But, if I am rightly inform-  
 ed, there is not so much as one *English*  
 Family settled there, beyond the Walls of  
 the

*This Pro-  
 vince not  
 peopled.*

the only Garrison in this extensive Coun- CHAP.  
try; though it has been upwards of thirty V.  
Years in the Possession of the Crown of  
*Great Britain.* *Annapolis-Royal* is, as we *Annapolis-*  
have said, the only Garrison in all this *Royal, the*  
Province; and has only one Regiment, or *only Garrison*  
rather Part of one in it. It is quite by *in this Pro-*  
itself, and very remote from all Assistance, *vince.*  
in case of any Emergency. This Garrison,  
small as it is, is nevertheless, a constant,  
large and dead Expence to the Crown;  
which Expence might be greatly eased, if  
not totally taken off, were proper Measures  
taken to render this Province populous and  
flourishing. It must surely be allowed,  
that no Part of this New World is more  
capable of being easily and soon put into  
a thriving Condition, than this. I am told,  
that it would subsist, and provide well for  
200000 Families and upwards. And, if *Scheme for*  
suitable, though small Encouragement were *peopling it.*  
given, it is not doubted but such a Num-  
ber of Protestants from abroad might be  
procured, and brought to settle there, as  
would set the Work a-going; and, in a  
short Time, answer the Ends proposed.  
Instead of that, the Inhabitants of this  
Province are now made up of *French* and  
P *Savages*

CHAP. *Savages* only. The former finding the


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*Danger of  
its not being  
peopled.*

Sweets of such a Settlement, chose to stay there, when, at the Peace of *Utrecht*, *Nova Scotia* was yielded to the *English*. They are since greatly multiplied and encreased; and call themselves *Neutral French*. They have, ever since the Peace, had a constant Intercourse of Trade and Marriages, &c. with the Inhabitants of *Cape Breton*; and, as well on Account of the Affinity with *them*, as on Account of their Religion, they must be supposed to be more in *their* Interests, than in *Our's*. It is computed, that there are not less than 10000 Men, capable of bearing Arms in this Province; who, at the Instigation of their Priests, will at any time be ready to join in a Confederacy to strip us of it. These *Neutral French* trade with the *Savages* in the Eastern Parts of *New England*, for Furs, Castors, Feathers, &c. to a great Value. They export Beef, Pork, Butter, Grain, Furs, Fish, &c. to a considerable Value: Whereas, were this Province rightly managed, by filling it with Protestants from abroad, or wherever else they might be had by Encouragement, it would, at least, bear the Expence of its  
own

own Garrisons, if not bring in a hand- CHAP.  
some Revenue to the Crown, or some V.  
of its Dependants. Let us suppose for a  
while, that these *Neutral French* (spirited  
up by their Priests, or excited by Revenge  
for the late Losses and Disappointments of  
their Kindred and Countrymen at *Cape  
Breton*) should join with the *Savages* to  
possess themselves of this large and rich  
Province, what Force have we there to  
oppose them, considering the Extent of  
Territory to be defended? Or should *France*  
send thither three or four thousand Men;  
what should hinder them (being once  
joined by the present Inhabitants) from  
making themselves entire Masters of the  
Country? Perhaps it may be answered;  
that a good Fleet at Sea, would prevent  
their landing: But where there are so  
many Creeks and Bays, besides the Rivers  
and Harbours above-mentioned (each of  
which, the late Possessors of *Cape Breton*  
are well-acquainted with) this is a Thing  
much easier said, than done. We have  
found by fatal Experience at home, how  
impossible it is effectually to guard a Coast,  
and hinder an Enemy from landing. And  
we are at this Day (to our Sorrow) con-  
vinced,

CHAP. V.  vinced, how difficult a thing it is, to drive an Enemy out of a Country, when it has once got Footing in it. The *French*, when they quitted *Cape Breton*, were bold enough to declare, that as soon as the Year of Capitulation was out, they would return, and get Possession again of the Lands they had lost, or of some other, as good, in Lieu of them. Some may, perhaps, say, that if it be so easy a thing to take this Province, it must be as easy to retake it : But the Case is widely different ; for, in the first place, it is a less expensive, and less hazardous Measure, to keep a Possession, than to recover it. Secondly ; whenever the *French* come, they are sure to be supported by their Kindred, Countrymen, and Associates in Religion : Whereas, *we* are equally sure of being abandoned by them. But if *Canada* were once reduced to the Subjection of the Crown of *England*, the Case would then be quite altered. The Power we should then have in that Part of the World, would strike a Dread into our Enemies, as well *French* as *Savages* : And without it, the Difficulty of preserving *Nova Scotia*, will, I am afraid, be greater than is at present imagined. The  
Necessity

Necessity of preserving this Province will appear the greater, when we consider that the *French* would in the other Case become not only very near Neighbours to our other Colonies, but, whenever a War breaks out, put us as it were between two Fires. Add to this, that the Timber for all Naval Uses, begins to fail in the Eastern Parts of *New England*; which cannot be so well supplied (if supplied at all) by any other Province than that of *Nova Scotia*, or by *Canada*, if we keep the former, and reduce the latter. We have before remarked, that along these Coasts the greatest Fishery in the known World is carried on: And, without being in possession of the Country, it would be next to impossible to continue the Fishery; as the Enemy would be constantly annoying us from their Ports. Whereas, by the Reduction of *Canada*, not only this Province of *Nova Scotia*, but also all the *English* Settlements in *America*, would be enlarged and protected: For the *French* Settlements, and the *Indian* Nations run all along the Back of *ours*, and subject us to daily Incurfions from thence, into *New England*,



CHAP. *England, New York, Pensilvania, Maryland*  
 V. *and Virginia, just as it best suits their Op-*  
 ~~~~~ *portunity and Advantage.*

BUT, whilst we are contriving Schemes for annoying our common Enemies, I am extremely sorry to find there is a Set of Men among us, who by their Greediness after Profit (for I will not put it upon any worse Principle) contrive it so, that the greatest Part of *their* Losses falls upon *ourselves*. This is a Management so destructive of every Project for distressing the Enemy, that I think it proper to insert in this Place a Letter printed in the *General Evening Post*, of *Tuesday, January 21, 1745-6*. This Letter puts the Business of insuring in *London* of *French* Ships, and their Commodities, in so strong a Light, that I think it is a pity it should not have more Chances than one, of being universally read and considered. I shall therefore transcribe it word for word, as all Abbreviations must be an Injury done it.

“ To

" To the Printer, &c.

" S I R,

" I AM extremely concerned that the *Letter from*  
 " Publick Joy for so Important an *the General*  
 " Event as the taking and destroying such *Evening Post,*  
 " a Number of *Martinico* Ships, should  
 " have any Allay. I am told, that the  
 " Benefit arising from it to *England*, will,  
 " in a great measure, be lost ; and the  
 " Mischief it would have done to *France*,  
 " will, in some degree, be repaired, by the  
 " Ships being insured on *our Exchange* to  
 " almost their full Value. I shall not en- *concerning*  
 " ter into the Consideration, how *mean,* *the Insurance*  
 " how *scandalous* it is to carry on an *under-* *of French*  
 " *band Traffick* with those who are de- *Ships on the*  
 " clared the *open*, and who appear the *Exchange of*  
 " *inveterate* Enemies of our Country ;  
 " but will view this Practice, as a Point  
 " of Interest ; and, whether it is bene-  
 " ficial to the Community, or not.

" BEFORE the Commencement of the  
 " War, our Complaints were loud and  
 " general, that the *French Trade*, espe-  
 " cially

CHAP. V. *cially the West-India, was grown to*  
 “ such an Heighth, as not only to hurt,  
 “ but endanger our Own. The great  
 “ Number of their Ships taken, is a suf-  
 “ ficient Evidence, if there were no other,  
 “ of the Justice of those Complaints.  
 “ What then was our Business at entering  
 “ into the War ? Not to interrupt, not to  
 “ weaken only, but to destroy as effec-  
 “ tually as possible the very Being of their  
 “ Trade. We have given them several  
 “ Blows, under which they have stag-  
 “ gered ; under which they must have  
 “ fallen, if they had not been held up by  
 “ our Insurance. So many Captures must  
 “ have occasioned such *Bankruptcies* among  
 “ their Merchants in *France*, that these  
 “ could not have sent so many Ships to  
 “ *America* ; and the Planters there could  
 “ not have been supported.

“ THE only Argument for insuring  
 “ the Enemy’s Property is, that the Mo-  
 “ ney paid here for it, is so much *clear*  
 “ *Gain* : But then it must be supposed  
 “ that their Ships are not taken ; if they  
 “ are, instead of *Gaining*, we *lose* by it.  
 “ But whether they are, or not, their  
 “ Trade

“ Trade is still kept alive by our means. CHAP.  
 “ It is evident that *France*, notwithstanding V.  
 “ ing her blustering, has not sufficient  
 “ Funds to promote her Schemes upon  
 “ the Continent, and protect her Trade  
 “ at the same time. Is it not natural  
 “ then for her King to say, *I will pursue*  
 “ *the first, and let the English themselves*  
 “ *take Care of the last. Whilst this is in-*  
 “ *sured; whilst this is nursed up by them,*  
 “ *it may languish, but it will never be de-*  
 “ *stroyed.* To corroborate what I have  
 “ advanced, I shall offer two Matters of  
 “ Fact to the serious Consideration of eve-  
 “ ry Briton. 1. The *French* in order to  
 “ prop their sinking Trade, and for want  
 “ of Ships and Seamen, have lately per-  
 “ mitted the *Dutch* to load in their Su-  
 “ gar Colonies. 2. These *Dutch* Bottoms,  
 “ with *French* Property, have had a  
 “ great deal of Insurance paid upon  
 “ them in LONDON.

“ No Man can have a greater Regard  
 “ for the Character of a fair Merchant,  
 “ than I have; I think him one of the  
 “ most useful Members of Society; but  
 “ I cannot help making an Observation

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“ or

CHAP. “ or two, *viz.* that no One can carry  
 V. “ on such a Traffick, without holding  
 “ directly or indirectly, a Correspondence,  
 “ with the Enemies of his Country.  
 “ That it is natural for any Man to wish,  
 “ the Ships which he insures may pursue  
 “ their Voyage with Safety, and to take  
 “ proper Measures that they may. That  
 “ it is easy then for him, by his Corres-  
 “ pondence, to convey Intelligence of  
 “ the Destination of our Fleets, the time  
 “ of their Sailing; and whatever else may  
 “ be necessary for the Enemy to know.—  
 “ No *Gains* can counterballance such a  
 “ Mischief: All the Efforts which our  
 “ Government can make to destroy their  
 “ Trade, may hereby be rendered inef-  
 “ fectual.—I am far from thinking that  
 “ every Man who subscribes to such *Insu-*  
 “ *rance*, would be guilty of conveying *Intel-*  
 “ *ligence* to the Enemy: But as the Temp-  
 “ tation is great; it is probable some of  
 “ them may and it is surely wise, to pro-  
 “ vide against such a Probability.

“ It will perhaps be said, that if the  
 “ *English* do not secure to themselves the  
 “ Profits arising from the Insurance of the  
 “ *French* Ships, the *Dutch* will. In An-  
 “ swer

“ fwer to this, I ask if the Profits are C H A P.  
 “ certain, and Great, why are the *French* V.  
 “ fo willing to *give*, and the *Dutch* fo  
 “ ready to part with them to *Us*? The  
 “ only Reafons why *France* applies to  
 “ *England* for it, muft be, becaufe ſhe  
 “ cannot procure the whole Infurance  
 “ which ſhe wants from *Holland*; be-  
 “ caufe ſhe gets it here on cheaper  
 “ Terms; or becaufe ſhe ſecures more  
 “ effectually the Navigation of her Ships.  
 “ In either of the former Inftances, we  
 “ give her Advantages, which it is impo-  
 “ litick to give: In the laft, we lend her  
 “ Affiftance to deſtroy Ourſelves.—How-  
 “ ever, though the Profits may be great,  
 “ this is the ſingle Queſtion. Is infuring  
 “ the Enemy’s Property, *upon the whole*,  
 “ for the Publick Intereſt? This is the  
 “ Center, to which every Branch of Trade  
 “ ſhould point: And every Line which  
 “ does not lead to it, ſhould be thrown  
 “ out of the Compaſs.

“ To view the whole then, in this  
 “ ſingle Light, I will endeavour clearly  
 “ and ſhortly to ſtate the Caſe, abſtract-  
 “ ing even the Conſideration of our keep-

CHAP. " ing their Trade alive. The *French*,  
 V. " by insuring leave no more with us than  
 " the Profit of the Insurer ; after he has  
 " made up his Account of Loss and  
 " Gain : Whereas, on the other hand,  
 " if we suppose that all Insurance of the  
 " Enemy's Property had ceased from the  
 " Beginning of the War, the Nation had  
 " gained what we have taken from  
 " them, over and above what they have  
 " taken from us ; exclusive of what we  
 " might have further taken, if no Intel-  
 " ligence had been conveyed to them :  
 " But Thanks to the Insurers ! *Our Ene-*  
 " *mies will tell the rest with Pleasure.*  
 " As I think this a Matter of the highest  
 " Importance, I don't doubt but our Le-  
 " gislature will give the earliest Attention  
 " to it,

" SINCE we are in Possession of  
 " CAPE BRETON, *this is the favourable*  
 " *Crisis, if there can be one, for ruining*  
 " *the French Trade, and establishing our*  
 " *own ; if we will but put a total Stop*  
 " *to our Insuring of their Property ; and*  
 " *if we will continue pushing them,*  
 " *where we find they are so weak."*

THOUGH

THOUGH this Letter is somewhat foreign to my Purpose; yet I could not help inserting it, as it seems to be written by a Person of Temper, Good Manners, and sound Judgment; By One who is conversant in Trade, and a Well-wisher to his Country. It is great Pity he did not deliver his Sentiments sooner; for I have heard the Practice often, and long ago complained of. The last Article or Paragraph however, sufficiently evinces what we have been labouring to establish, *viz.* that the Possession of *Cape Breton* is the thing, and *the only thing* that can enable us effectually to destroy the Power of *France*, and turn it to our own Benefit. I am not one of those who are for enlarging our Territories abroad; for the fewer we have, the better we shall be able to attend to their Encouragement and Protection. But as this Nation is not supposed to subsist without Trade, so it is necessary to take all Measures to increase and defend it; especially, when that may be done, at the Expence of our Enemies. Wherefore I again repeat it, that the Conquest of *Cape Breton* is by far the greatest

CHAP.  
V.



CHAP. *est Advantage* we have hitherto gained by  
 V. the War, and it is to be hoped we shall  
 not lose any Opportunity of improving  
 that Advantage.

BEFORE I finish this Chapter, it may not be amiss to add in this Place some of the Mischiefs or Disadvantages attending the Island of *Cape Breton*, whilst it was possessed by the *French*; which are now entirely obviated, and may for the future be prevented, or rather will naturally cease, as long as we keep Possession thereof. These Disadvantages arise from a *destructive Clandestine Trade* carried on between our Settlements on the Continent of *America*, and the *French* at *Cape Breton*, to the great Detriment of Trade in general, and to the Support of our common Enemy.

*A Clandestine Trade formerly carried on between our Settlements and Cape Breton,* THIS *Clandestine Trade*, carried on from most of the *English* Settlements between *Virginia*, and *Nova Scotia*, consisted in the furnishing of *Cape Breton* with *Warlike Stores* and *Provisions* of the *Plantation Produce*. For this Purpose, near an Hundred Sail of decked Vessels were

were every Summer employed in transporting Tar, Pitch, Turpentine, Rosin, Timber, Plank and Boards : As also Beef, C H A P. V.

Pork, Butter, Cheese, Bread, Flower, Cyder, Apples, Onyons, Corn, Horses, live Cattle of all Kinds, and great Quantities of Cabinet Makers Goods, to our Rivals in Trade. By these means the *French* not only constantly supplied their Fishery in this Neighbourhood, but also had such a Surplussage, that from hence they supplied their *West Indian* Islands with these Articles. Nay the *English* many times so glutted the Markets, that they were frequently obliged to sell at *Cape Breton*, at a Price under what the Goods had cost them at home : And in this Case their Advantage was to be made on their Smuggling Goods into our Colonies at their Return. For these People were chiefly paid in Brandy, Wine, Oyl, Sailcloth, Cordage, Iron, Rum, Molasses, Sugar, Coffee, Indigo, Drugs, *East India* Goods, &c. the Manufactures, Product, or Trade of *Old and New France* ; which they sold again clandestinely among our own Colonies at their Return. This double Advantage was so great to the *French*, that though

CHAP. though the Traffick between the two Na-  
 V. tions was seemingly prohibited ; yet they  
 not only winked at, but encouraged it ;  
 as they have always done the *Exportation*  
*of Wool* from hence. Hereby is fully  
 verified ( by the Event ) that Part of the  
 Memorial presented by Mefs<sup>r</sup> Raudot,  
 wherein they alledge, *That by these means*  
*we should draw a great deal of Money out*  
*of those Colonies, even though the Entry of*  
 \* *Vide p. 71.* *our Goods should not be openly permitted.\**

It has been affirmed that our *Clandestine*  
*Traders* went so far, as to Barter *Warlike*  
*Stores* and *Provisions*, and even Vessels  
 and Ships of all Dimensions, from 50 to  
 400 Tons, against the Commodities  
 abovementioned, which they had from  
 the *French* ; several of which Articles,  
*viz.* the meanest of their Rum, Molas-  
 ses, and Sugar, the *French* would have  
 found no other Vent for, had not  
 our People thus taken them off their  
 Hands : they must otherwise have been  
 let out to run down their Streets ; as has  
 been (if I am rightly informed) fully pro-  
 ved at the Bar of the House of Commons.  
 Now from this Practice, it is evident,  
 that the *French* were supplied with Pro-  
 visions,

vifions, &c. for carrying on their *Fifhery*, CHAP.  
at a much cheaper, eafier, and more cer- V.  
tain Rate, than they otherwife could be :  
By which means, they were enabled to  
underfell us in that Commodity, where-  
ever they came.

THE Island was likewise the Place of  
Rendezvous for all the *French* Ships that  
paffed to and from *Old France*; and the  
*East* as well as *West Indies*, the *South Seas*,  
or on any occafion croffing the *Western*  
*Ocean*. Their Ships in like manner,  
coming home from any of their *Sugar*  
*Islands*, and being obliged to ftand to the  
*North-west*, for the Benefit of the *Gulph*  
*Stream* and *North Shore Winds*, could  
venture to leave their Ports with little or  
no Provisions, being affured of finding  
Abundance at *Cape Breton*, thus clandes-  
tinely brought thither from our Colonies  
as above mentioned.

## C H A P. VI.

*A Summary Relation of the Siege of Lewisburg : With a short Account of Mr. William Vaughan's particular Behaviour in the Expedition of Cape Breton.*

C H A P.  
VI.

I HAD here designed to have given the Publick the best Accounts I could have picked up, of the Siege of *Lewisburg*, and the taking the Island of *Cape Breton* : But, having met with the Pamphlet before quoted, containing a Journal of those Transactions, I shall not here trouble the Reader with a literal Repetition of what therein seems to be pretty exactly done, and by Authority ; but only give a Summary Account of the Whole, and add some Circumstances, which, though not totally omitted, are there but lightly touched upon.

*The short time taken for putting the Enterprize in execution.*

IT is observable, from the before-mentioned Journal, ~~That~~ never was an Enterprize of so much Difficulty, Danger, and

and Expence, carried on with so great CHAP.  
Zeal, Expedition, and Intrepidity. They VI.  
took but seven Weeks to execute this Im-  
portant Undertaking: And in eleven Days  
more the whole Armament was assembled  
at *Canfo*, which is but 20 Leagues from  
the Fortrefs of *Lewisburg*.

THEY would have lost no Time at  
*Canfo*, had not the Enemy's Shores been  
covered with Ice, which made the ap-  
proaching them impracticable: And which  
Accident gave Time for their being joined  
by *Commodore Warren's* Squadron, which  
happened on the 22d and 23d of April;  
that is, eighteen or nineteen Days after the  
*New England Fleet, &c.* had arrived at  
*Canfo*. During this Interval, the *New*  
*England* armed Sloops cruised about *Cape*  
*Breton*, to prevent Intelligence or Provi-  
sions being carried to the Enemy: And  
had the good Fortune to meet with, at-  
tack, and drive back to *France*, a *French*  
Man of War of thirty Guns, with three  
hundred Seamen, fifty Marines and pub-  
lick Dispatches on board. Had this Ship  
got into *Lewisburg*, she would have thrown  
a strong Reinforcement into the Garrison.

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## VI.

*Difficulties  
the Troops  
underwent,*

THE Difficulties which attended the Landing of the Troops on a rough, rocky Shore, with a great Surf continually beating upon it, can scarce be conceived by such as are not conversant in Affairs of this Nature. And when the Hardships they were exposed to after landing, come to be considered, the Behaviour of these Men will hardly gain credit. They went ashore wet; had no Cloaths to cover them; were exposed in this Condition to cold, foggy Nights; and yet chearfully underwent these Difficulties for the sake of executing a Project they had voluntarily undertaken.

*particularly  
in drawing  
Cannon, &c.  
through deep  
Morasses.*

NOTWITHSTANDING these Disadvantages, great Numbers were employed as Scouts to scour the Country, and prevent Surprizes of any Sort. But the most difficult Task of all others, and what most surprized the *French* Garrison, was the drawing the Cannon and Mortars for two Miles through deep Morasses and Bogs, and over rough, craggy Rocks. Horses, or Oxen, could not be employed here; nor Wheel-carriages of any Sort. The Business,

Business, therefore, was all done by the indefatigable and incredible Labour and Fatigue of these poor Men; who, after the Sweats occasioned by their Day's Work, were scarcely protected from the Injuries of the cold, foggy Nights; as they had but few Tents, and those very bad ones, to cover them. These Fatigues threw the Men into Fluxes; of which, and other occasional Disorders, there were above one Thousand five Hundred sick at a time; by which means the Duty fell the harder on those that were well; and these, without murmuring, nay, with Joy and Cheerfulness, betook themselves to every laborious and hazardous Discharge of their Duty. The Cannon and Mortars therefore were hawled by Strength of Arms on Sledges over these Bogs, Morasses, and rocky Hills: The Provisions and Ammunition, &c. were carried over them by the Men, on their Backs; both which Methods were attended with such incredible Labour and Difficulty, that Men of less Resolution, or less Experience in removing Weights, would scarce have attempted the Thing; never have executed it.

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CHAP. VII. *It appears, by the Journal before mentioned, that the whole Number of Troops engaged in this Expedition, did not exceed four Thousand. Of these one Thousand five Hundred were sick at one time. Many Parties were sent out as Scouts, to oppose the Enemy assembled in the Country. Numbers were necessarily employed in erecting Batteries in Places very difficult of Access, particularly a Battery near the Light-House. Yet, notwithstanding all these Drains, and weakening Reductions of the Troops, it was resolved to have made a general Attack, both by Sea and Land; and all necessary Preparations for executing this Resolution were made: When, on the 16th of June, the Enemy, finding the New England Troops determined to conquer, or die, and perceiving the many Advantages they had already gained, sent out a Flag of Truce, desiring Time to consider upon Articles of Capitulation. Time was granted till the next Morning, and Articles were agreed, Hostages exchanged, and on the 17th of June the City and Fortresses were surrendered; which was just forty-eight Days*

Days from the first landing of Troops on **CHAP.**  
the Island of *Cape Breton*. **VI.**

It is scarce to be credited, that in all these difficult, hazardous, and desperate Labours, Fatigues, Attacks, Skirmishes, &c. the *New England* Troops lost no more than about an hundred of their Men; whilst the Enemy, who fought a great deal more to Advantage, being frequently under Cover, all ways less exposed, lost about three hundred Men.

The Journal printed at *Exeter* is exact, as to the Days and Times of every particular Circumstance, during the Siege; and (to give it the greater Weight) is signed by the General, one Brigadier, one Colonel, and two Lieutenant-Colonels; all which were present on this Occasion: The Truth therefore of the Relation cannot, I think, be called in question, as far as it goes. But some Particulars are (as I have said above) omitted; which, without derogating from any other Person's Merit, may, I hope, be mentioned here, in Justice to the Conduct and Behaviour of a Person hitherto unknown to, consequently not taken

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VI. *Mr. William Vaughan, a Gentleman of Damariscotta, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, New England ; with whom, I am persuaded, neither the Governors, nor any other Person will dispute the Honour of having revived, at least, if not of being the original Mover and Projector of this grand and successful Enterprize. I think, I am not wrong in asserting, that this Gentleman was one of the first Movers of it to William Shirley, Esq; Governor of the Chief Province of New England, viz. that of Massachusetts. But, if he was not the original Mover of the Scheme, I can with great Assurance affirm, that through his indefatigable Zeal and Labour in the Cause, and by the Intelligence he gave the Government of New England, that the French were defenceless at Cape Breton ; that the People of New England were disposed to undertake any thing for the Good and Honour of the Crown of England ; and by verifying these Assertions, by Memorials and Testimonials, signed by People of the greatest Rank and best Repute in those Provinces : He, I say, by these Means revived a Project, which the*

*General Assembly* had absolutely rejected as hazardous and impracticable : And, when he had brought it through the Two Houses there, omitted nothing that might in any Shape conduce to the providing of Men, Money, or any other Thing necessary for carrying the Scheme into Execution.

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MR. VAUGHAN was the Man who conducted the first Column of the *New England Troops*, at their first landing, through the Woods, to within a Mile of the City, and to a fair View of it. He would have persuaded the Officers and Men to have marched up directly to a Place where they would have been covered by a Rising-ground, and not have been above two hundred Yards from the Town : But whilst this Proposal was debating, the Enemy, perceiving the approach of our Troops, set fire to about forty Houses and Magazines ; which might not only have been saved, but have formed a Lodgement for our Men ; for some time, at least.

THIS Gentleman was the Person who proposed to General *Pepperel* the sending

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of

CHAP. of four hundred Men to the North-east  
 VI. of the Harbour, to seize the Enemy's  
 Houses and Stores, at about a Mile's distance from the *Grand Battery*. He not only proposed this Expedient, but offered himself to conduct that Party. The Proposal was accepted, and the Business effected according to the Scheme laid. *Vide Journal, p. 12. May 2d.*

THIS Gentleman was the Person that took Possession of the Enemy's *Grand Battery*, deserted (as is supposed) by them, on the Surprise they were in at seeing the neighbouring Houses and Stores set on fire by the Troops.

HE it was who headed that small Party, which beat off seven large Boats full of Men, sent from the Town to retake that *Battery*. And he effected this brave, though dangerous Undertaking, notwithstanding that the Cannon of the Town, within point-blank-shot, fired continually upon him and his Party, which consisted only of eleven or twelve Men; though in the Journal fifteen or sixteen are mentioned;  
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but he had left four Men in the Battery. CHAP.

*Vide Journal ibidem, May 3d.*

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THIS Gentleman was assisting in every Duty of Fatigue, or Honour, during the whole Siege. And that he might be the more at liberty to animate the Men by his personal Appearance, and manual Assistance and Encouragement, wherever the Cause might require it, he refused to accept of any Military Honours or Preferment which was offered him ; and only answered, That if the Undertaking was attended with Success, he did not doubt of being honourably considered.

THAT Mr. *Vaughan* therefore first set the Expedition on foot ; nay, that he revived it, when absolutely rejected by the General Assembly : That he behaved with all the Gallantry and Bravery, as well as Zeal for the Service, whilst it was going on, that could be expected from a Person in a much higher Rank ; are Facts, which stand in need of no Proof, at least, not with me, who have seen the original Letters written to him, and the Certificates

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VI. and others, concerned in this Expedition.

Mr. *Vaughan* has too much Modesty to give them to the Publick; but many of his Friends, besides myself, have seen them. And as he does not doubt of a Reward equal to his Merits and Services on this Occasion, he chuses rather *that* Pleasure and Satisfaction, which arise from a secret Consciousness of having done his Duty, than to seem to court publick Applause. And it was with the greatest Difficulty he was prevailed on, to suffer thus much of the Truth to appear in his Favour.

I HAVE already told the Reader, that I had prepared the best Journal I could pick up, of all the most material Transactions which passed during this memorable Siege: But, having seen the Journal printed at *Exeter*, I found myself obliged to expunge what I had collected on that Subject; which might have been, on many Occasions, more circumstantial, and, in the main, pretty exact; but would have wanted the Advantage of being sub-

scribed by the General, and other Officers CHAP.  
present on the Occasion. This Accident VI.  
is the Cause of a kind of Chasm in this  
Narrative ; which the Publick will, I  
dare say, rather bear with Pleasure, than  
be troubled with a Repetition of what  
appears so well justified.

I SHALL now proceed, in the last  
Place, to give some Account of *New  
England*, in Regard to its Power and  
Strength ; which, probably, many People  
here have mistaken Notions of.



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*A True State of New England,  
in regard to its Power and  
Riches, as well as Affection to  
the present happy Establishment  
in Church and State.*

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*The French  
have en-  
croached upon  
our Trade.*

**T**O recount all the Advantages, which the Possession of *Cape Breton* may bring (in process of time, and with due Encouragement) to the *Crown of Great Britain*, would require more Space than the Nature of this Narrative would admit of. But it appears from several Judicious Tracts lately published, that the *French* have for several Years past not only enlarged *their* Trade, and outdone *us* in every Branch of it; but have also incroached upon *Our's*, either through Skill, Application, or Management. It is therefore high time that we seriously enquire into what are the real Causes

Causes of the Decay of Trade on our CHAP.  
Side ; and what has contributed so much VII.  
to the vast Increase of *their's*.

A LATE Pamphlet entitled, *The Present State of the British and French Trade to Africa and America considered* ; And a Letter printed in the *Tradesman's Journal* ; have compared the Condition of the two Nations in regard to Trade ; and have set that Matter in a strong and important Light.

AFTER what has been said there ; it can never, surely, be a Matter of Indifference to the Nation in general, or the Legislature in particular, whether the *French* or *We* are to *thrive* or be *undone*. And I take it to be a Matter of no less Concern, to have our Eyes open at this Critical Juncture.

WE have it now in our Power not only to prevent the Abuse they have made of Priviledges formerly granted them : but even to restrain at least, if not entirely cut off some of the most valuable Branches of *their* Trade. It is but very  
lately

CHAP. lately that this Nation in general is convinced, that the *French* had any Trade worth mentioning: And, in this Respect, VII. the War has been the luckiest Incident that could have befallen us, to undeceive the most quick sighted amongst us. Had not so many of their Ships been taken with rich Cargoes; and some of them laden with Manufactures which we never suspected them capable of; We should probably have continued our Course in a thick Cloud of Inattention and Security; 'till we had run upon the Rocks, without perceiving our Danger. We may now perhaps; it is pretty evident we ought to enquire into the Measures and Means whereby they have brought Traffick of all kinds from a very languishing, to a most flourishing Condition. It is no Reproach to learn, even from our Enemies; whatever may conduce to our Safety, or Aggrandizement. Nay, our Trade will be absolutely lost, and, with it, all our Power and Weight, if we do not speedily set about the Work. The Possession of *Cape Breton* furnishes us with the most Natural; with the only Means of effectually depressing the *French* in their Commerce.

*The War  
with France  
a lucky Incident.*

merce. And, if we add to this most fortunate Circumstance, our Endeavours and Resolutions to encourage in all Shapes our own Colonies, their Product, our Manufactures, and Industry of every kind, to the utmost of our Power; it may not yet be too late, to recover what we had almost imperceptibly lost.

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THE *French*, the more effectually to extend and carry on their Trade, erected a Council of Commerce in the Year 1700, consisting of some of the Principal Officers of State; and twelve of the Principal Merchants, or Persons who have been a long time engaged in Business. Two of these were of *Paris*; the other Ten deputed by the Chief Trading Towns of *France*. How far such an Establishment may be expedient, or even practicable under our Form of Government, I will not take upon me to determine. But if this cannot be done, surely something else may, to secure us against the Arts, Skill, Application, and Industry of our aspiring Neighbours. Let any One, who has the least Concern for the Welfare of his Country, but run over the above mention-

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erect a Council of  
Commerce.*

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how near the Brink of the Precipice we were arrived. In the Course of about thirty five Years the *French* have converted the the Island of *Cape Breton* from a Defart into a fruitful, comfortable Settlement. Within the Bounds of the late *French* Governor's Commission were, besides the Island of *Cape Breton*, several others in the Gulph of *St. Laurence*. On the Island of *Cape Breton*, they had twelve Settlements, *viz.* Four on the South Side, and Eight on the East. They have built many Fish Rooms and Stages for the Use of the Fishery; and several Houses and Barns, &c. They laid out incredible Sums on these Improvements; and the Fortifications of *Lewisburg* have exceeded all Imagination in Expence, since that Island has been in the Possession of the *French*.

*The immense Sums it hath cost them.*

I have been told, and from good Authority, that those two Articles, in the Course of thirty five Years, cannot have cost them far short of three Millions Sterling. But this I do not take upon me to vouch; only would from hence draw this Inference, *viz.* that the *French* thought it well

well worth their while to bestow immense Sums upon the Improvement and Security of these Islands, *merely on Account of their Trade.* It must therefore be well worth our while to preserve so valuable an Acquisition, which has not cost us the 150th part of the Money; and has every thing done at it, which may facilitate its Preservation: An Acquisition, which at the same time, that it curbs and annoys *their Trade*, contributes so vastly to the Encrease and Security of *Our Own*. An Acquisition which in the Opinion of a very good Judge, exceeds every thing that was ever gained to, or by, the Crown of *England* for many Generations.

THE Situation of *Cape Breton* in general, and of *Lewisburg* in particular, is such, as makes it the most commodious Place that could be found for the Security of Trade from the *West Indies*, and *North America*. The Distance from thence to *Newfoundland* is but one Day's Sail. To the *Streights of Bellisle*, on the North of *Newfoundland*, about four Days Sail: From thence, to *Hudson's Streights*, about Six Days Sail, From *Lewisburg*.

**C H A P.** to *Canfo*, half a Day's Sail. To the Back  
**VII.** Side of *Nova Scotia* through the Gut of  
*Canfo* to *Cape Vert*, two Days Sail. To  
*Boston* in *New England*, and to *Annapolis*  
*Royal* in *Nova Scotia*, four Days Sail.  
 To *Bermudas* (near which Island, all the  
 Trade from the *West Indies* returns to *Eu-*  
*rope*) about seven Days Sail. And from  
*Lewisburg* to *Quebec*, the Capital of the  
*French Settlements* on the River *St. Lau-*  
*rence*, it is about seven Days Sail. And  
 by reason of the *Gulph Stream* setting to  
 the North-east, every Ship from the *Sugar*  
*Islands*, and all other Parts of the *West*  
*Indies*, are necessarily obliged to approach  
 very near this Island, in their Return to  
*Europe*.

**T H I S** Island is therefore a kind of  
 Center-point to all the rest, as well *Eng-*  
*lish* as *French Settlements*. And as it is  
 a Place of Strength, and lies amidst  
 the fishing Countries; as it may be a Mart  
 or Staple for all Commodities passing be-  
 tween *England* and its Colonies in *Ame-*  
*rica*; lastly as it lies most conveniently  
 for protecting all our Trade, and annoy-  
 ing that of the Enemy; no Care or Ex-  
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penance can be thought too great for the Preservation of it; nor any Equivalent sufficient for the Loss of it.

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It seems to be a prevailing Notion among many of different Ranks in *Great Britain*, that the Province of *New England* is in a very flourishing Condition; and that it might by Encouragement, become so powerful, as to excite some Jealousies at least, if not Apprehensions of its assuming, one Day or other, an Independency very prejudicial to these Realms.

But when the true State of that Case comes to be duly weighed and considered, it will be found that it is neither in their Inclination, nor in their Power to shake off their Subjection, and Obedience to the Crown of *Great Britain*. It is not agreeable to their Inclination, as Protestants, and Subjects more zealously affected to their National Church, as well as to the present Royal Family, than perhaps any others under His Majesty's most Gracious and Mild Government. It is not in their Power; for whatever Pretence there may be for a contrary Opinion, they are certainly not in a Condition to raise Rebel-

*General State  
of New  
England.*

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lions, and support an Independency; as will sufficiently be demonstrated in the Sequel of this Fact. But if they actually were, who must they give themselves to? They could not long subsist, without the Protection of some Power more potent than themselves. That Power must be a neighbouring one, or he could not support and protect them: That Neighbour must be the *French*; for they have none other. And can it be supposed that a People so utterly detesting Popery, Slavery and Arbitrary Power, would subject themselves to a Government, under which they can expect, and are sensible, would find nothing but the Loss of their Religion, Liberty, and Property? It may perhaps be said, that the *French* are more attentive to the general Prosperity of their Colonies, than the *English* are; and this may prove an Inducement. But whoever says it, reproaches us most severely for our Want of Attention, and Regard to so material a Branch of our Wealth and Power. This Assertion ought to excite in us a steady and firm Resolution to encourage and promote the Welfare of these *American Colonies*, to the utmost

utmost of our Power; not only because CHAP.  
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our Neighbours and Rivals do it, but because it is absolutely necessary for the Support of our Commerce, and to enable us once more to equal at least, if not to surpass those, who are diligent and expert in all the Arts of undermining and excelling us.

BUT really, and in Fact, the People of *New England* are far from being in a Condition to affect an Independency. They have impoverished themselves to a great Degree, in the Support of their Liberties and Possessions against the common Enemy; and have cheerfully engaged in every Scheme or Expedition for enlarging the Power and Dominion of the Crown of *Great Britain*; but have never once made the least Attempt towards throwing off their Subjection to it. To set this Matter in a clearer Light, we shall take it a good deal higher than the present times, and shew that the People of *New England* have been almost constantly exposed to great Difficulties, and put to continual large Expences in the Defence of their Country, and in the Assistance

**C H A P** assistance they have given the Crown of  
**VII.** *Great Britain*, whenever the Circumstances of the Times required their Concurrence.

*First Settlement in New England.*

THE first Settlement that took Place in *New England* was begun at *New Plymouth* in 1620. And (as it is easy to imagine) they underwent great Hardships and Difficulties, before they could bring their Affairs into a tolerable Condition. They sustained many Wars with the *Savages*, and lost a great Number of their People, in endeavouring to fix themselves in a convenient and comfortable manner. But in 1675. an *Indian King* of great Credit amongst the *Savages*; and no less famed for his Cruelty and Subtlety, than for his Courage and Conduct, drew all the Neighbouring Nations into an Alliance with him; built a strong Fortress; and determined a War against the *English*, who had now been about fifty Years in Possession of that Part of the Country. This naturally gave the Alarm to the New Settlers, who thereupon mustered all their Strength, and selecting a Body of their bravest Men, resolved to prevent

*War between the first Settlers there and the Indians.*

prevent this powerful Enemy. They C H A P.  
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marched accordingly through deep Snows, excessive Cold, and numberless Difficulties to the *Indian's* Fortrefs; attacked him there with great Bravery, and had the good Fortune to destroy the King himself, and many of his People, though Numbers of them escaped. This could not be done, without a very considerable loss on the Side of the Assailants; but they comforted themselves with the pleasing Prospect of Liberty and Ease for the future. They were however deceived; For such as had escaped, soon spread themselves through the different Tribes of the *Savages* bordering upon their Settlements, and with the Assistance of the Jesuits, privately entered into a general Confederacy to wage War against the *English*. This War in 1676. broke out at an *Second War*, appointed time, in different Places: And they carried Murder and Destruction along with them wherever they went. Multitudes of the *English*, as well as their Plantations, Settlements, and Stocks of Cattle were, on this Occasion, utterly destroyed. None escaped but such as had the good Fortune to be near the Sea,

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CHAP. and by that means, fled to *New York*,  
 VII. *New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Vir-*  
 { *ginia, Carolina, and the Sugar Islands :*  
*In which different Places there are thou-*  
*sands of the Posterity of these ruined Fa-*  
*milies, at this Day.*

FROM that time, to the present, the hardy brave Remains of this People have been struggling under Difficulties ; opposing the *French* in *Canada*, and *Nova Scotia* ; sustaining Wars with the *Savages*, who are now entirely in the *French* Interests ; and endeavouring to put their Country into the same good Posture and Condition it was in near seventy Years ago. They had no sooner begun to think themselves in quiet Possession of their Settlements ; but a fresh Irruption of *French* or *Savages*, or both together, poured in upon them, and in a few Days destroyed the Fruits of several Years Labour.

*New Eng-* THUS have these People been un-  
*land main-* der a constant Course of Calamities and  
*tains many* Devastation ; and thereby put to great and  
*Garrisons for* incessant Expence in guarding a Frontier  
*the Defence of* its Frontiers.  
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of near two hundred Miles Extent, be- CHAP.  
sides being obliged to defend their Coasts VII.  
in time of War. They are under a Ne-  
cessity therefore of keeping many Garri-  
sons of Soldiers all along their Frontiers :  
And the single Province of the *Massa-*  
*chuset's Bay* now actually maintains seven  
of these Capital Garrisons. They are also  
obliged to keep Parties or small Armies  
on Foot, as Scouts in time of War, or  
when Danger is apprehended. This Pro-  
vince is also at a large Expence in sup-  
porting a Number of Men, to guard and  
protect those employed in the Mast-Trade  
for the Service of the Crown. They are  
likewise forced to maintain a Number of  
armed Vessels to defend their Coasts and  
protect the Intercourse (by Sea) between  
them and their Neighbours.

BESIDES all these Difficulties at home,  
they have been engaged in many very  
expensive and hazardous Expeditions, for  
the Honour and Advantage of the Crown  
of *Great Britain*.

THE Expedition to *Canada*, in 1690, *The Necessity*  
though a fruitless one, proved so expen- *of issuing*  
five *Paper Bills*.

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five to the People of *New England*, that they were then obliged to issue *Paper Bills*, in lieu of Money, on the Faith of the Government for Payment of the same. This first introduced that fatal Practice; and by persisting in that Method upon any great Emergency ever since, they are in a fair Way of being utterly ruined, unless timely supported by the Government of *England*.

*The several Expeditions in which the People of New England joined.*

THESE People carried on two Expeditions at their own Expence, against the *French* in *Nova Scotia*, before it was conquered by General *Nicholson*: In one of which they conquered the Country. In the Reign of *Queen Anne*, they again joined her Armaments against *Canada*; but as the Fleet did not leave *England* till the 8th of *May*, nor arrive in the River of *St. Laurence* till the 23d of *August*; through these and other Pieces of Mismanagement, eight of the Ships were lost in the Gulph of *St. Laurence*, and the whole Expedition failed,

THE People of *New England* also joined General *Nicholson* in the Reduction of *Nova Scotia*, And depending upon that

that Country's being guarded and defended by the Queen's Troops, they were in hopes that their Colony would be eased of the Burden of furnishing Garrisons for the Defence of *New England*, on that Side, at least. But, instead of that, the only Garrison in *Nova Scotia*, is at *Annapolis Royal*; and that scarce able to defend itself, much less in any Condition to lend Assistance to its Neighbours.

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By these Means therefore, and for want of an Opportunity of redeeming their Credit, so often, and so deeply engaged by the frequent issuing of this *Paper Money*, they became largely indebted to the Publick. Yet, notwithstanding all that has been said, when a Scheme was set on foot for the Reduction of *Cape Breton*, they, with their usual Chearfulness and Alacrity for promoting the Honour and Interests of the Crown, immediately entered into the Scheme; and, in order to put it in Practice, had Recourse to their old Method of issuing an additional Number of Bills, without which the Project had been altogether impracticable. The Expence, indeed, of this



**CHAP.** this Expedition was far beyond what this  
**VII.** and the adjoining Provinces were able to  
 bear, without being utterly ruined, even  
 in case of Success. But they confidently  
 relied on His Majesty and the *English*  
 Nation for a Reimbursement; and they  
 will, no doubt, be amply indemnified for  
 all their Expences, Fatigues, and Dangers.  
 These Bills are now, as I am told, so  
 much depreciated in Value, that they  
 bear a Discount or Loss of 200 *per Cent.*  
 and; unless the Government of *England*  
 finds some Expedient for redeeming, or  
 calling them in, these Provinces must be  
 entirely ruined *for their Zeal*; and all  
 Commerce between them and *Great*  
*Britain* will cease of course.

*The great  
 Discount of  
 the Paper  
 Money.*

THEY formerly sent all their Gold and  
 Silver to *England* for such Goods as they  
 wanted from thence; and made use of  
 the above-mentioned Paper-Credit, for all  
 Business and Transactions amongst them-  
 selves. But now, that the Currency is  
 quite exhausted, and there is no real  
 Money left amongst them, they cannot  
 any longer pay for such Goods as they  
 want; but, instead of taking them from  
*England,*

England, must be driven to the Necessity CH A P.  
of making themselves Cloaths of Skins, VII.  
and such Things as their Country affords ;  
which must occasion a great Decrease in *The Necessity*  
the Demand and Consumption of our *of indemnify-*  
Woollen and other Manufactures. How *ing this Peo-*  
far this Nation will find its Account in this *ple for their*  
Alteration of Affairs, let others determine : *Expences.*  
But if no other Consideration were of  
Weight sufficient to plead for them, surely  
that of their having on all Occasions assist-  
ed us with their Persons and Money ; their  
having on *this particular Occasion* struck so  
noble a Stroke for the Advantage of these  
Realms ; and their having involved them-  
selves in so many and great Difficulties for  
our sakes, are sufficient Inducements for  
protecting, rewarding and saving so gene-  
rous, so faithful, and so brave a People.

IT is easy to foresee, that if the Inhabi-  
tants have not Money to purchase the  
Goods they want, in a cold Climate, the  
Merchant will not let them have his  
Goods for nothing, or for Paper, which  
is worth nothing. How are they then to  
be clothed ? Why, they will naturally  
run into the Manufacturing of Linnen,  
and

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CHAP. and what Wool they have ; and so cover  
 VII. themselves with these, with Leather and  
 Furs, instead of taking off our Woollen  
 Goods.

IF the *English* Nation should judge it proper (and it is not doubted but it will) to pay off the Expence of this Expedition in Money, this will introduce a Currency amongst them, which will make the calling in and burning of their Bills, or a great Number of them, practicable. Then, for the future, let it be enacted, or otherwise provided, that all the *English Colonies* or Settlements in *North America* do bear a proportionable Expence of all Expeditions in Favour of the Crown ; and that the whole Burden be not left, as it has been, upon that of *New England*, to its utter Ruin and Destruction.

*A Method  
 proposed for  
 calling in  
 their Paper  
 Money.*

I AM told, that in Mr. *Ashley's* Treatise on Trade, there is an infallible Method for restoring the Currency of Money into *New England* ; but I have not that Book by me ; and, if I had, it would be too troublesome to the Reader to insert it here. I refer him therefore to it ; and shall only add, that if some Expedient be  
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not thought of, and speedily put in Execution, this Province cannot long subsist; and that the Disadvantage to Trade in general, as well as the Discouragement to all Undertakings of this Nature in particular, will be so great, that it is no great Presumption to assert the Loss in both Cases to be absolutely irretrievable.

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THE Case therefore is widely different from the Notion which has in some Places prevailed: And *New England* is not, and I am sorry it is not, the powerful, flourishing Colony it has been represented to be; but on the contrary, the Country is very poor, largely in debt, has no Currency or real Value in it, and, unless speedily relieved from hence, has no future Prospect, but that of utter and irrecoverable Ruin.

IT is not disposed to throw off its Dependency on the Crown of *England*; but may, with Justice, vie with *England* itself for Demonstrations of Loyalty, Zeal, and Affection to His present Majesty, the Protestant Cause, and *English* Liberty.

THIS Narrative (which is already much longer than I intended it should be) would

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CHAP. have ended here, if a Letter from a Gentleman in *New England* to his Friend in *London*, had not been just now put into my Hands. It contains some Arguments, and a Method of Reasoning, which I confess I dare not make myself a Judge of ; but, at the Request of some Friends, have inserted such Parts of it, as in general relate to my Subject.

*Letter from a Gentleman in New England to his Friend in London.*

“ IT were to be wished, that a *Civil*  
 “ *Government* was established at *Cape Bre-*  
 “ *ton*, and the Island irrevocably annexed  
 “ to the Crown of *Great Britain*, as well  
 “ as *Canso* well fortified. They would  
 “ thus become not only a Nursery for  
 “ twenty Thousand Seamen a Year ; but  
 “ would command all the Fishery of  
 “ *North America*, and consequently the  
 “ Treasure of *France* and *Spain* ; by  
 “ which Means the King of *Great Britain*  
 “ would soon become the Greatest Prince  
 “ in *Europe*, and His People have the  
 “ most extensive and enriching Trade.

“ IT is now, I think, in the Power  
 “ of the King and Parliament to make a  
 “ Chain of Towns from *Lewisburg* to  
 “ *Canso* ; from thence to *Annapolis Royal* ;  
 “ and

“ and so on, to *Casco* : which would be CHAP.  
 “ perfected in less than a Century. Oh ! VII.  
 “ that they could but comprehend with-  
 “ out seeing, what we on the Spot see with  
 “ our Eyes, *viz.* the vast Encrease of Fifty  
 “ poor Families on their Arrival in *New*  
 “ *England* ; which are now multiplied into  
 “ an incredible Number of Inhabitants,  
 “ and dispersed into a proportionate Num-  
 “ ber of Regular Towns : And all this  
 “ in about an Hundred and Twenty  
 “ Years. From *New York* to *South Caro-*  
 “ *lina* there is still a greater Encrease of  
 “ People, Trade, and Towns ; to the  
 “ amazing Enlargement of the *British*  
 “ *Dominions*.

“ I HEARTILY wish a due Considera-  
 “ tion may be had of the Case of those  
 “ worthy Men, both Officers and Soldiers,  
 “ who left their Families, Farms, Ease,  
 “ Plenty, and Peace at Home, to expose  
 “ themselves to all their Contraries, in the  
 “ Service of their King and Country.  
 “ Should they be detained there as a Gar-  
 “ rison of Common Soldiers, and have  
 “ Officers put over them, I fear they  
 “ may, in their Grief, Shame, and Rage,  
 “ become

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CHAP. " become as desperate as they were in  
 VII. " their Toils, Courage and Assaults of the  
 { " Enemy, who said, *They were Devils in*  
 " *Human Shape.*

" I AM glad to see the Just Sense the  
 " Ministry and Kingdom seem to have  
 " of the Reduction of *Cape Breton* to  
 " the Dominion of *England*. And we  
 " read, with Pleasure, the Intimation  
 " which the *Lord Mayor* and *City of*  
 " *London* make in their Address to His  
 " Majesty, of their Hope, that it may  
 " never be given back to the *French*.  
 " *The Mines of Peru are no Price for it.*

*Conclusion.* THIS Letter, and the foregoing Narra-  
 tive, sufficiently evince the general Notion  
 of the *Importance and Advantages of Cape*  
*Breton to the English Nation* : And, it is  
 to be hoped, that no Power, no Arts of  
*French Politicians*, nor any *plausible Pro-*  
*posal of Equivalents*, will ever be able to  
 wrest it out of the Hands of a People,  
 who have so gloriously recovered the  
 rightful Possession thereof.

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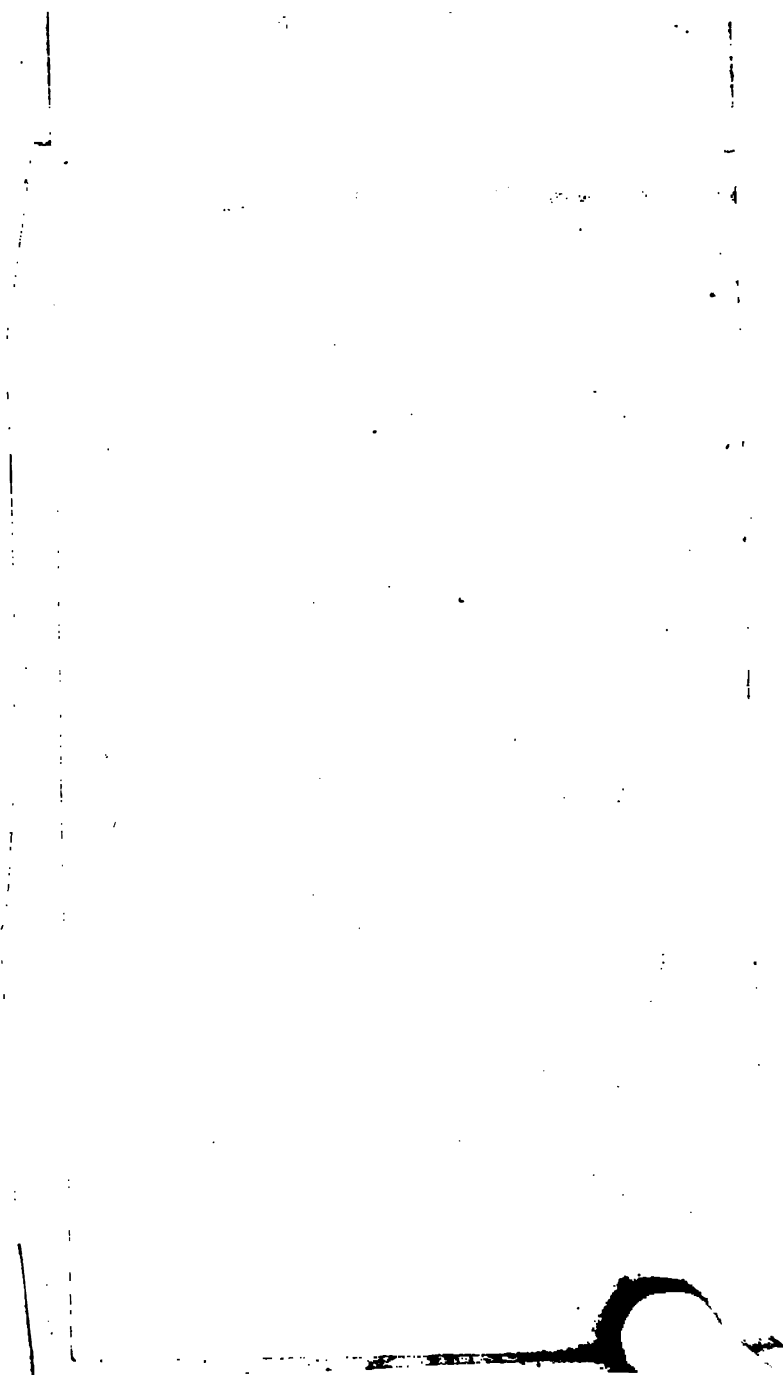
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